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STORY & ART BY MOMOKO KODA

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WHAT
BETTER ACT
TO CROWN
THE WHITE
TEAM'S
VICTORY?
LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN...

...HERE
IS LIKE
LEGEND
WITH THEIR
HIT SINGLE
"YOU ARE
SPECIAL"!!

GO
TO BED
FIRST!

PAPA,
DON'T
SLEEP
HERE!

ONCE
THE RED
AND WHITE
NEW YEAR'S
SPECIAL IS
OVER, IT'S
TIME FOR
BED.

WE'LL GO
TOMORROW.

SAHO!

ARE WE
GOING
TO THE
TEMPLE?

AT THE
TIME I
DIDN'T
KNOW...

...MY WHOLE
WORLD WAS
ABOUT TO
GET TURNED
UPSIDE
DOWN...

...BY THAT
FACE I SAW
ON THE TV
SCREEN.

Chapter 1

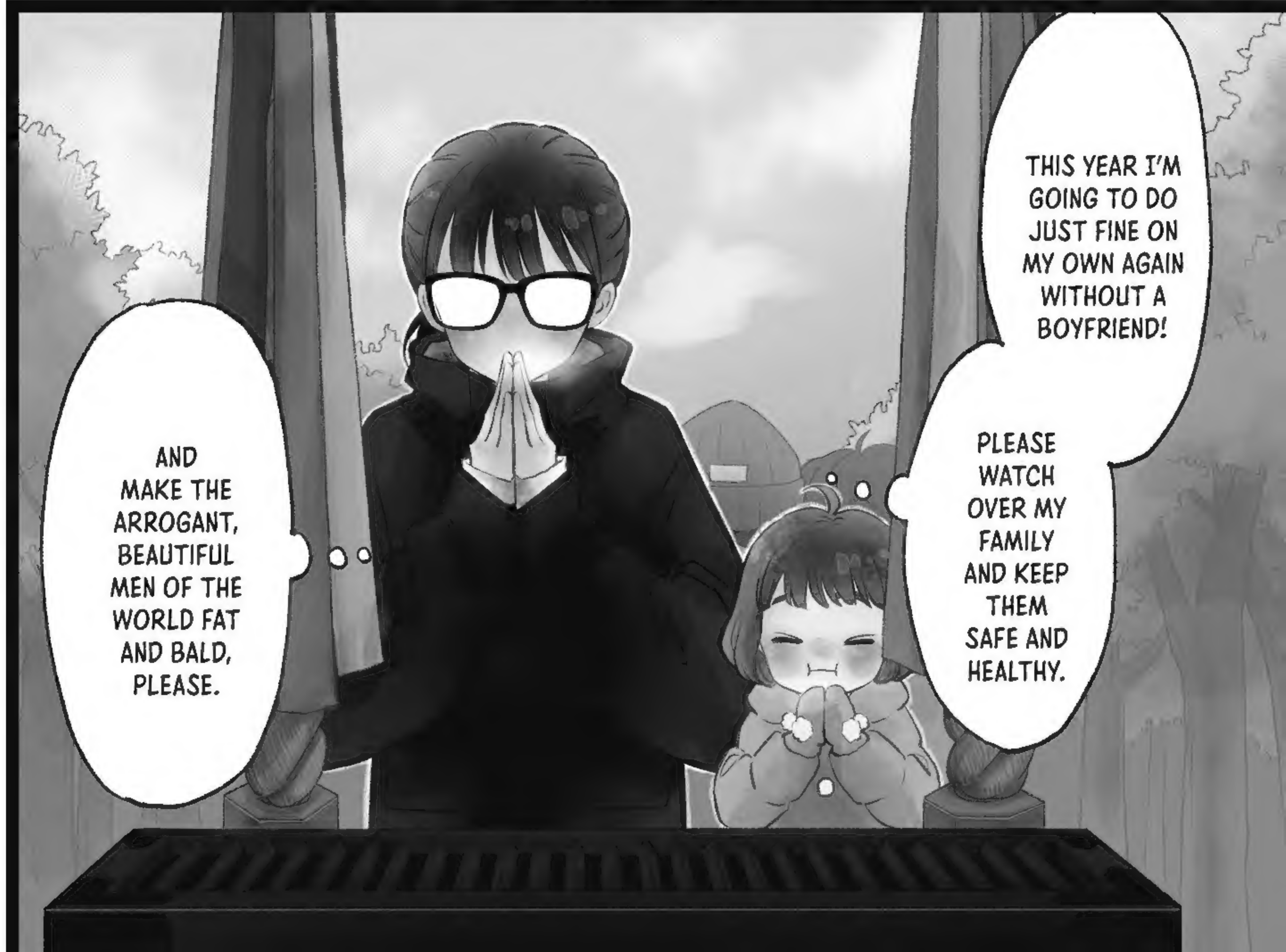
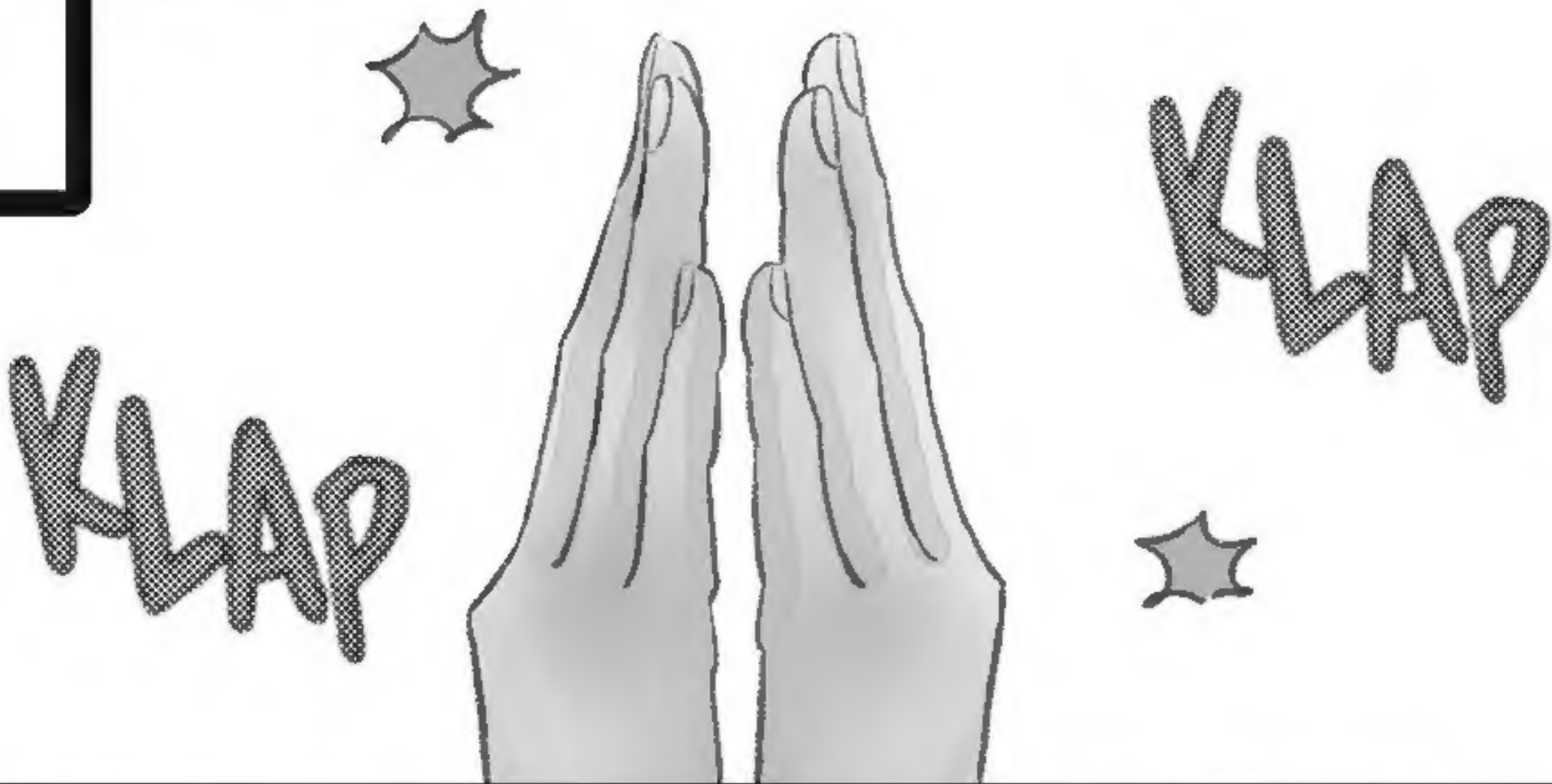
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...IS
PRETTY
MUCH
THE
SAME.


EVERY
YEAR
MY NEW
YEAR'S
PRAYER...



AND
MAKE THE
ARROGANT,
BEAUTIFUL
MEN OF THE
WORLD FAT
AND BALD,
PLEASE.

THIS YEAR I'M
GOING TO DO
JUST FINE ON
MY OWN AGAIN
WITHOUT A
BOYFRIEND!

PLEASE
WATCH
OVER MY
FAMILY
AND KEEP
THEM
SAFE AND
HEALTHY.



SAHOKO
WAKAUME
(AGE 16)

HEH



...AVERAGE
HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT.

AN UN-
REMARK-
ABLE...



LET'S
MAKE IT
ANOTHER
GOOD
ONE!

SAME
TO
YOU!

YEAH,
YOU
BET!



THIS IS
YUKO, HER
CHILDHOOD
FRIEND.

SAHOKO!

HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!



IF YOUR WEIRD CURSE SOMEHOW MAKES KOUTA GO BALD, I'LL SHAVE YOUR HEAD!

COULD YOU NOT START THE YEAR WITH AN ANTI-SOCIAL DOOM EXPLOSION?

GEH

MWAH HA HA

I PRAYED FOR ALL BEAUTIFUL MEN TO BECOME BALD AND FAT.



JUST A NEW YEAR'S TEMPLE VISIT WITH HIMARI.

NOTHING.

WHAT'D YOU DO OVER WINTER BREAK?



THEY'RE ONE OF THE BIG ACTS! I WAS SO HAPPY, I CRIED!

DID YOU SEE THEM ON RED AND WHITE?!

THEY'RE JAPAN'S TOP IDOLS!

LIKE LEGEND ARE ICONS!

HERE, LOOK! LIKE LEGEND'S KOUTA KIRIGAYA! HE'S MY BIAS. I bought this for the cover. ♡

KOUTA? WHO'S KOUTA?

HE'S PART OF L.L.!



HUH.

WHAT?!

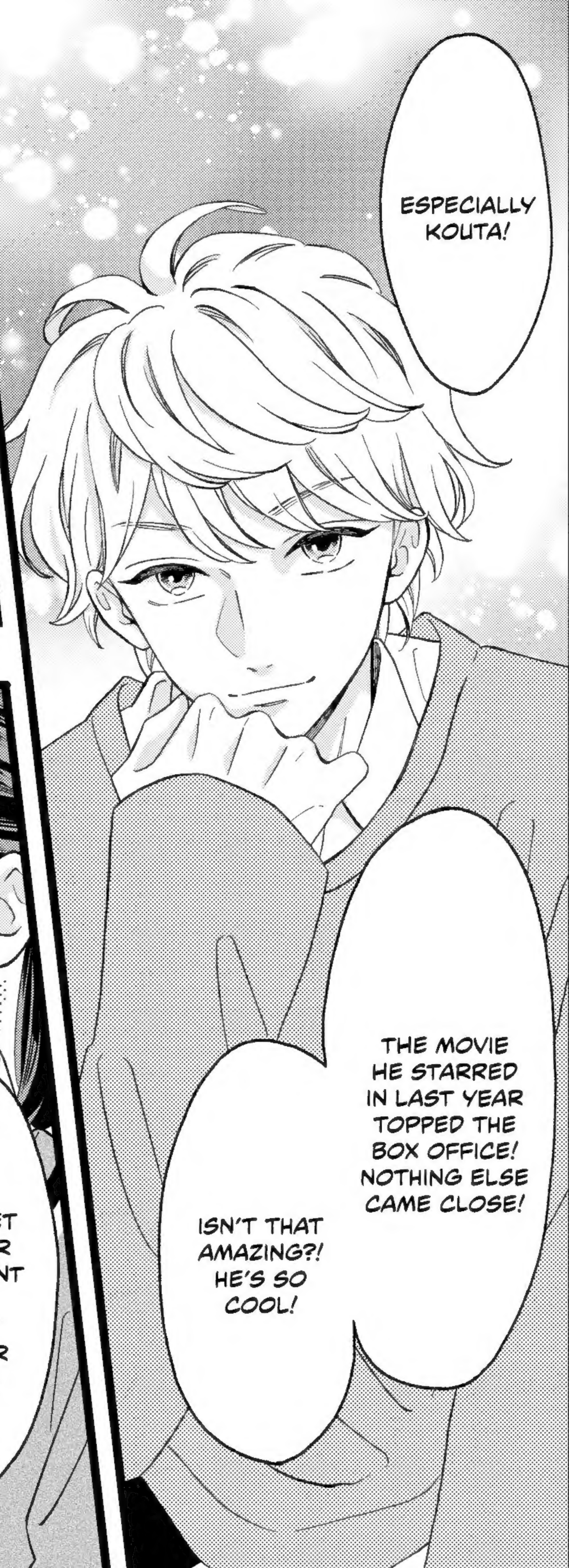
LOOK
AT HIM! HE'S
GORGEOUS!



HA

ANY GUY
WHO WOULD
CHOOSE THAT
PROFESSION
CAN'T
POSSIBLY
BE COOL.

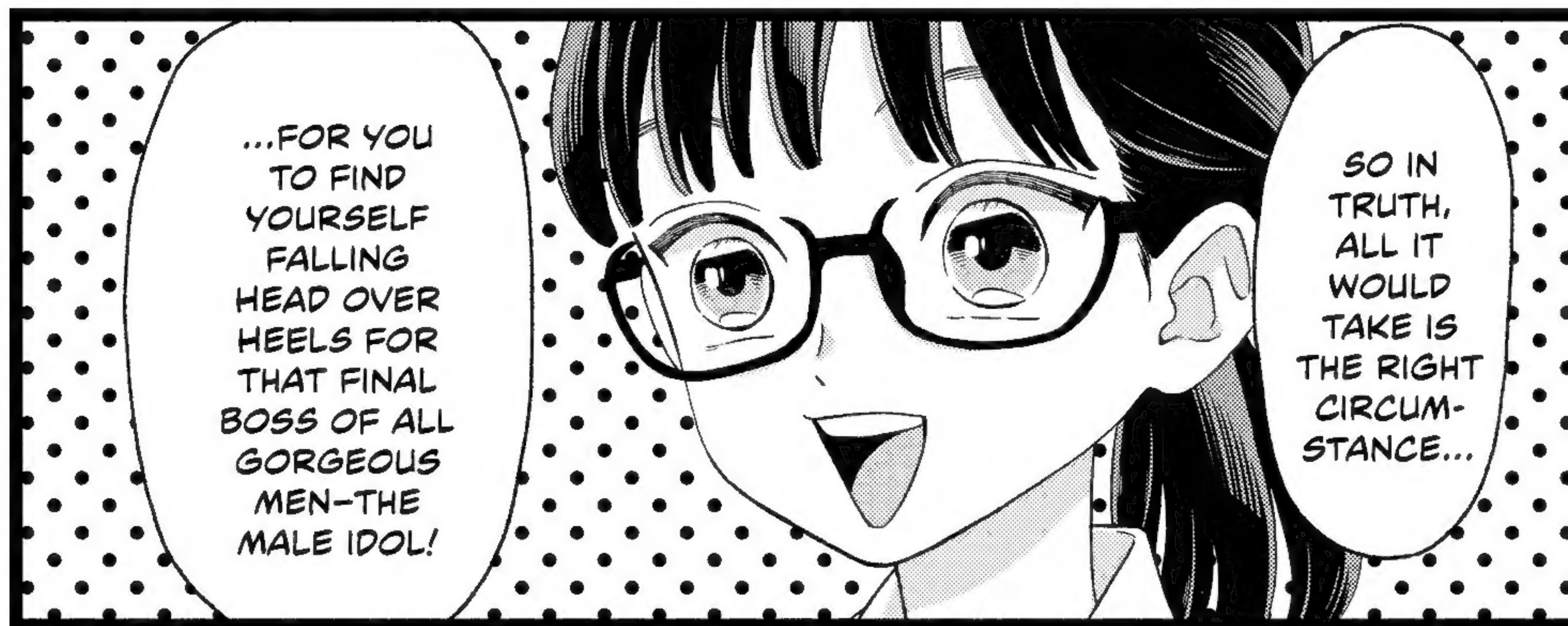
IDOLS GET
THE STAR
TREATMENT
BASED
PURELY
ON THEIR
LOOKS.



ESPECIALLY
KOUTA!

THE MOVIE
HE STARRED
IN LAST YEAR
TOPPED THE
BOX OFFICE!
NOTHING ELSE
CAME CLOSE!

ISN'T THAT
AMAZING?!
HE'S SO
COOL!





I DIDN'T DO
ANYTHING TO
YOUR EYES.
DON'T BE
DRAMATIC.

**MINE
EYES!
MINE
EYES!!!
AAAAAA-
AAAAH!**



YOU
WOULDN'T
KEEP
TALKING
ABOUT
HOW YOU
NEVER
WANT TO
FALL IN
LOVE...

...UNLESS YOU
REALLY DO WANT
TO. UNDERNEATH
IT ALL, YOU WANT
A BOYFRIEND
WHO'S SWEET ON
YOU, RIGHT?



MAYBE
THERE'S
A TINY
SLIVER OF
TRUTH
TO IT.

WELL...

THAT
CAN'T
BE IT!!!



LATER, I REALIZED I HAD NO BUSINESS HOPING...

...SO I ONLY LOOKED.

This teacher is stunning! ♡

EYE CANDY WAS ENOUGH FOR ME.



SEE, WHEN I WAS A LITTLE GIRL...



I WAS FASCINATED BY PHYSICAL BEAUTY!



THEN CAME MY SECOND YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL.

IN THE SEAT NEXT TO ME WAS...

HE WAS
ALSO
GORGEOUS.

HE WAS
THE MOST
POPULAR
BOY IN
CLASS,
AND HE
WAS SO
NICE.

HEY,
LOOK
HERE A
MINUTE.

Um!
NICE
TO
MEET
YOU
TOO.

I HAVE
THE
BEST
SEAT!



It was like
one of those
hair-fluttering
scenes even
though there's
no wind.

IN FACT,
YOU'RE
REALLY
CUTE,
WAKAUME!

...BUT THAT
SCENE OUT
OF A SHOJO
MANGA WAS
ENOUGH TO
KINDLE THE
FLAME OF MY
FIRST CRUSH.

I'D TRIED
TO BE
HAPPY
WITH ONLY
LOOKING...



WAH!

I
KNEW
IT.



YOU'RE
WAY
PRETTIER
WITHOUT
THESE.

SAHOKO WAKAUME'S TRAUMATIC PAST THEATER

I MUSTERED
UP THE
COURAGE TO
CONFESS
TO MY FIRST
CRUSH.

WROTE
A LOVE
LETTER

WORE
CONTACTS
FOR THE
FIRST TIME

TOO NAIVE
TO REALIZE
I WAS IN
LOVE WITH
BEING IN
LOVE...

...I ACTED
LIKE A
HEROINE OUT
OF THOSE
SAME SHOJO
MANGA.

I'M IN
LOVE
WITH
YOU!
I WROTE
A LETTER
FOR YOU.
PLEASE
READ IT!

very happy
talked together I had
I realized I'd fallen in love with
This is the first time I've ever felt this
am very thank-ful. I know that I'm not
hope we can still

Is that an honest-to-god
love letter from Wakaume?
Srsly? lololol

Oh hell no! Never in a
million years. lololol

SMH. Girl. Please.
You have no business
even dreaming.

?!

THE NEXT
WEEKEND...

BIP

BIP

HOYA
BOYA



THAT WAS THE
MOMENT WHEN I
BEGAN TO PRAY
FOR DEATH AND
UGLINESS TO
RAIN DOWN ON
ALL BEAUTIFUL
BOYS.

Yes,
I have
a grudge.

HE WANTED
TO EXPOSE
WHAT WAS
IN MY HEART
TO THE
PUBLIC?!

Oops!

7:09 PM

7:09 PM

Kimura left the chat room.

OR...HE
MEANT TO
SHOW IT TO
EVERYONE?

Oh.

HE
POSTED
IT BY
MISTAKE,
RIGHT?



BUT
MORE
THAN
THAT...

I DIDN'T
KNOW BEING
REJECTED
WOULD HURT
SO MUCH.





THAT
DAY...

...I DECIDED
I'D BECOME
INDEPENDENT
AND LIVE MY
LIFE ALONE!

LOOKING
BACK AT
YOUR FIVE
YEARS AS
A GROUP,
WHAT DO
YOU THINK?

GROUP
LEADER
KIRIGAYA,
COULD YOU
ANSWER
THAT,
PLEASE?

HOYA BOYA

I PITIED
MYSELF.

I DIDN'T
WANT TO GO
THROUGH
THAT EVER
AGAIN...

...SO
I TOLD
MYSELF
THAT I
DIDN'T
NEED
ANYONE.



I THINK THE
SPARKLE
I'VE BEEN
BLESSED
WITH
BELONGS
TO ALL THE
PEOPLE IN
THE WORLD!

THAT
SPARKLE
ISN'T
MEANT
TO BE
HOARDED.
NO ONE
SHOULD
KEEP IT
ALL TO
THEM-
SELVES.

SOME-
TIMES THE
HEAVENS
GRANT
PEOPLE A
SPECIAL
SPARKLE.



I'LL
MAKE TEARS
EVAPORATE
WITH THE
SPARKLY
HEAT OF
MY LIGHT!

...AND
BRING
SMILES
TO THEIR
FACES.

I WANT TO
SHINE ON
EVERYONE
EQUALLY...



MAY THE
BALDNESS
FAIRY
SMACK
YOU!

I GUESS
WHEN YOU'RE
HANDSOME,
EVEN CHEESY
PLATITUDES
TURN INTO
MONEY.

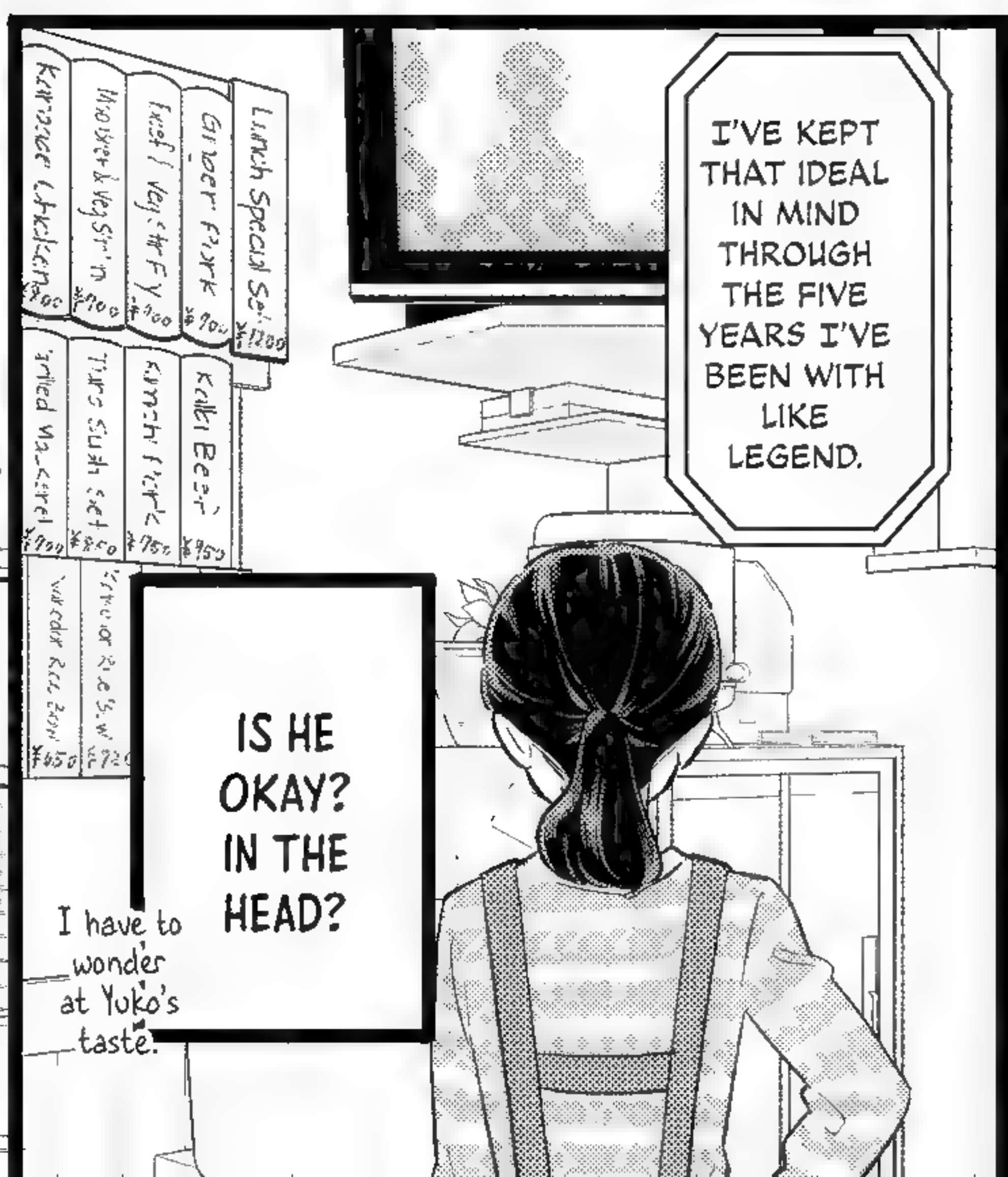


BY THE
WAY, MY
FAMILY
RUNS A
RESTAURANT.

SAHO-
KO?

DELIVER
THIS TO THE
YAMADAS,
PLEASE.

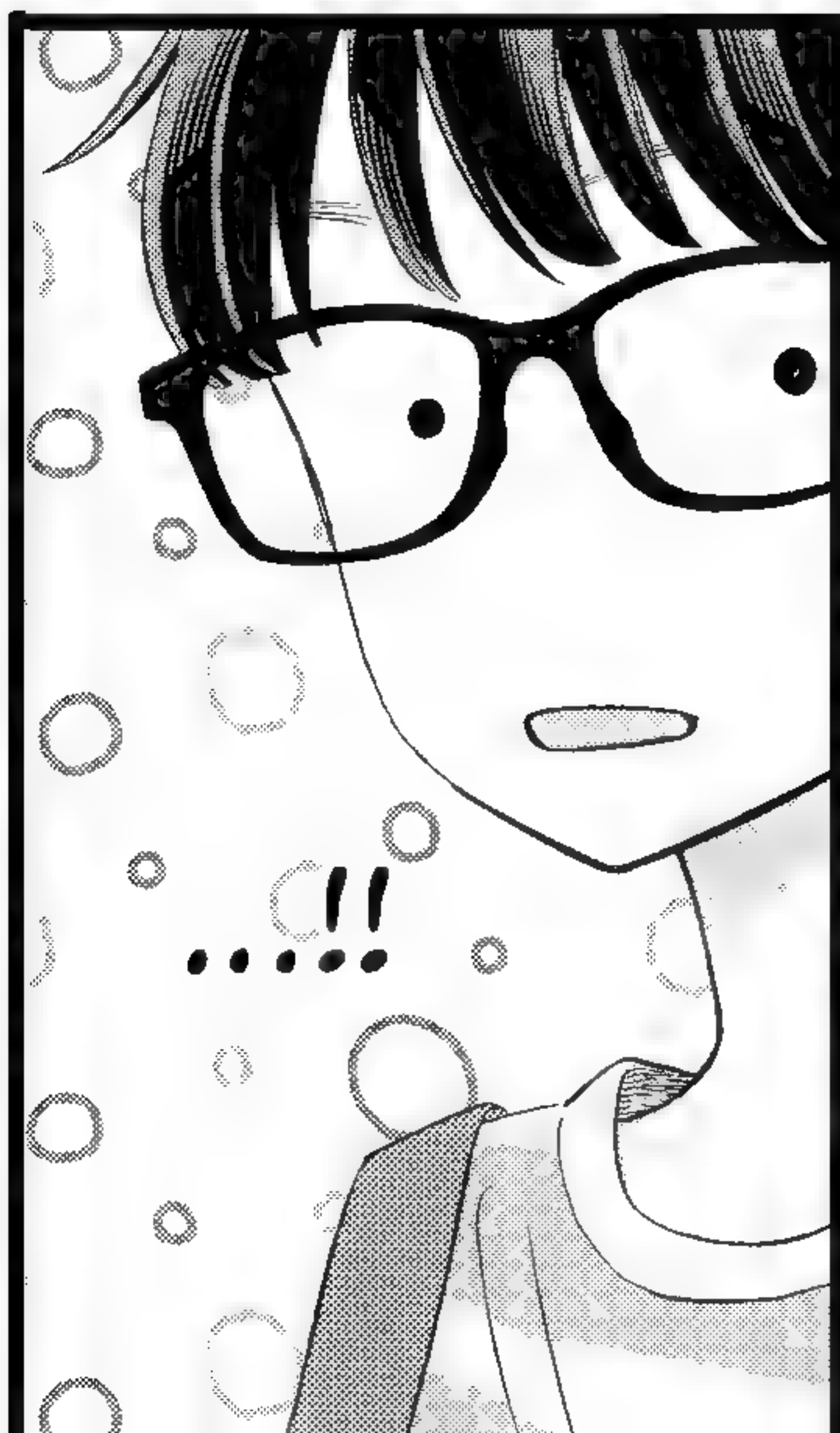
OKAY.



I'VE KEPT
THAT IDEAL
IN MIND
THROUGH
THE FIVE
YEARS I'VE
BEEN WITH
LIKE
LEGEND.

IS HE
OKAY?
IN THE
HEAD?

I have to
wonder
at Yuko's
taste.





A location shoot?!

WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?!

AND IS IT ME, OR IS HE GORGE—

AH



WHAT DID I ALMOST THINK?!

POW



IS THAT KOUTA KIRIGAYA FROM LIKE LEGEND?!

Chicken

¥800

¥700

¥100

¥1200

Grilled Mackerel

¥900

Curry Rice

¥500

Yakitori Rice Bowl

¥650

Don Rice Bowl

¥720

HUH?!

A LOOK-ALIKE?!

NO. HE LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE THE GUY I JUST SAW ON TV. IT'S HIM!



I CAN'T BELIEVE I ALMOST LET HIM IMPRESS ME.

IN THE REALM OF GORGEOUS MEN, THE IDOL IS THE FINAL BOSS.

CAN I TAKE YOUR ORDER?

Ah!

SURE.

GRUDGE-INDUCED NOTION

THEY'RE ALL DEVILS! IMPS WHO USE THEIR LOOKS TO SEDUCE AND SNARE PREY!

SELF! HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE SHAME DONE TO YOU BY A BEAUTIFUL BOY?!



I GUESS I'LL HAVE A LAGER AND...

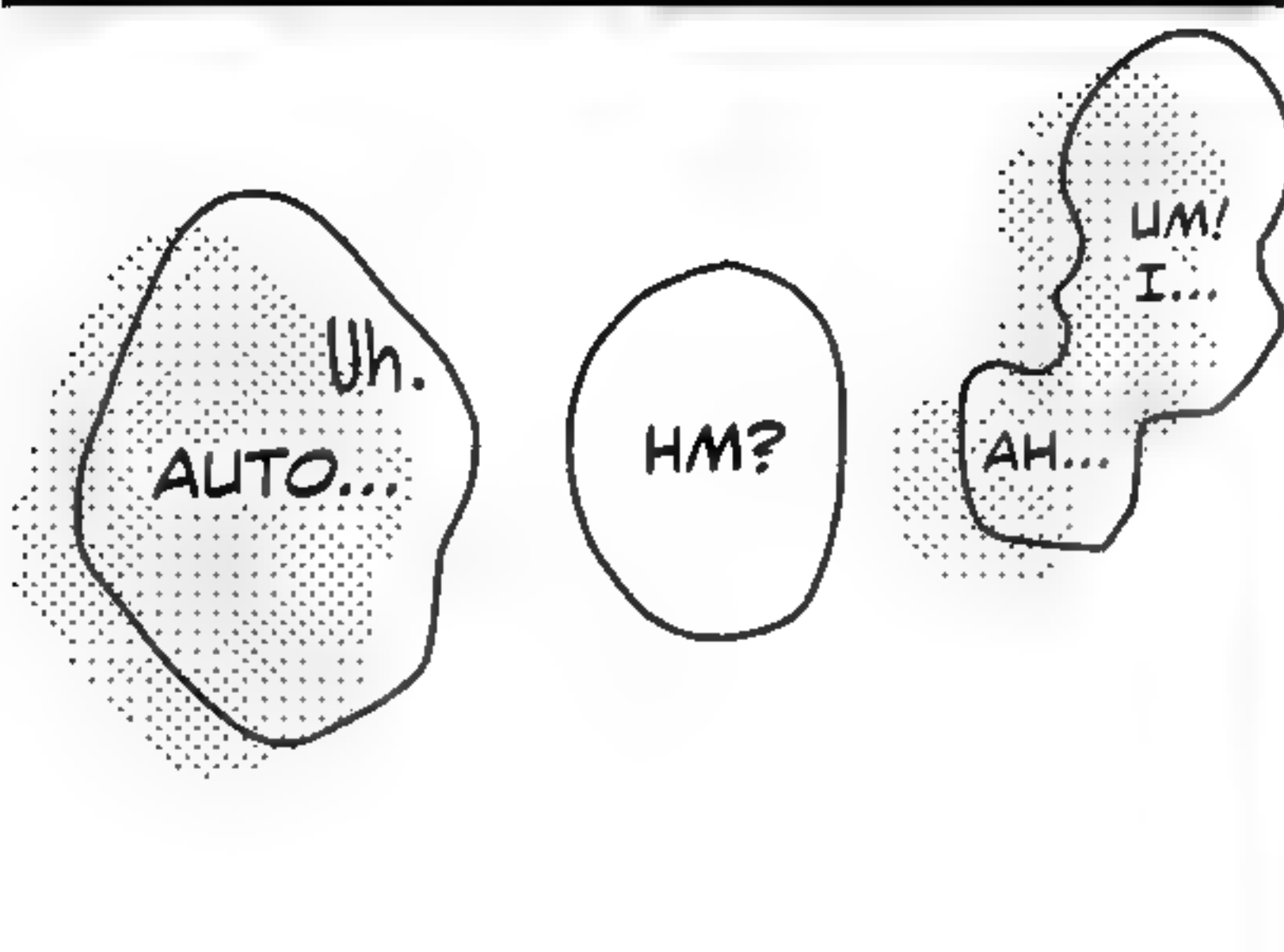
RAISE THE DEFENSES!



I STILL WANT HIS AUTOGRAPH FOR YUKO!

WAIT! ALL MY (MENTAL) INSULTS ASIDE...

I'LL HAVE THAT.



Uh.

AUTO...

HM?

UM!
I...

AH...



CUT-LASS FISH.

WHAT'S THE FISH OF THE DAY?

WHY IS HE AT OUR DINKY FAMILY DINER?

Wait.

IS HE TRYING TO ACT LIKE HE'S THE SAME AS EVERYONE ELSE?!

SELF-ABSORBED MALE BEAUTIES WOULD TOTALLY DO THAT TO SCORE POINTS!

PRE-JUDICE





I THOUGHT
I'D EXPUNGED
ALL IMPURE
THOUGHTS!

THANK
YOU
VERY
MUCH.



Y-
YUKO
...

NAME?

Please.

YUKO.
♡

OKAY!

Here!

HEART
FLUTTERS
MEAN
DEATH! AM
I CLEAR,
SELF?!

SNAP
OUT
OF IT!
YOU'RE
RIGHT IN
FRONT OF
HIM!

WAS
THAT MY
HEART?!

Keep it
down!



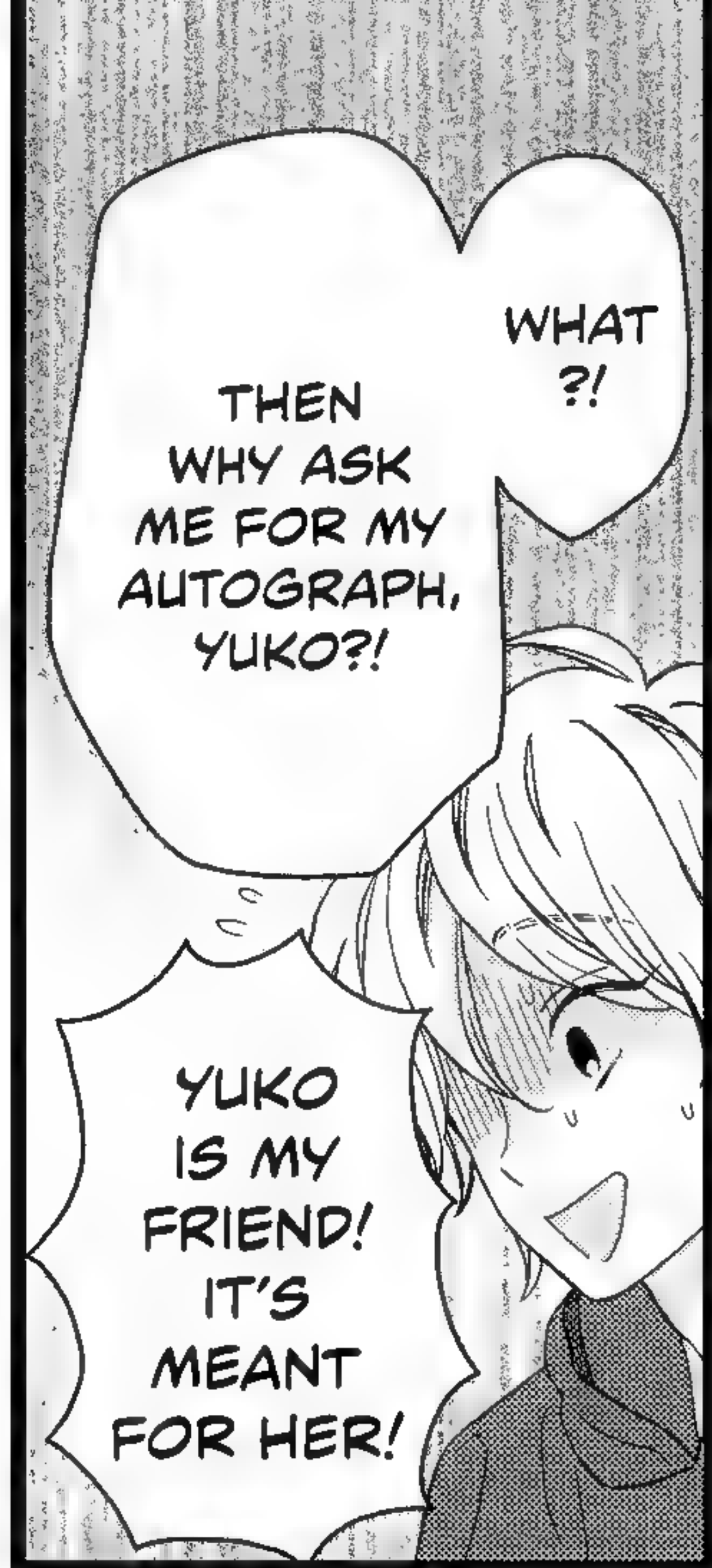
YOU'RE
WELCOME.



LOVE
YOU!
♡

THANKS
SO MUCH
FOR YOUR
SUPPORT.







I'M SO SORRY!

THEN I'VE DONE SOMETHING VERY RUDE!

OH. R-REALLY?

H...

HMPH!

I'LL DO MY BEST TO MAKE UP FOR IT.



STOP STARING AT ME LIKE IT'S INCOMPREHENSIBLE!

You damn Adonis!



...YOU NARCIS-SIST!

D-DON'T PRESUME THAT YOU CAN MAKE EVERYONE ON THE PLANET ADMIRE YOU...



NO THANK YOU!



IDOL GAZE

IDOL POSE

I'LL TURN THAT KISS ON THE FOREHEAD INTO A PLEASANT MEMORY.

STARTING TOMORROW- NO, THIS INSTANT-I'LL DO MY BEST TO MAKE YOU A FAN!





BAM

WHAT IS
WRONG
WITH
ME?!

This
requires
review!



DID I FORGET
MY SOLEMN
VOW TO LIVE
A HAPPY LIFE
WITHOUT
ROMANCE?!

HOW
COULD I LET
MYSELF GET
FLUSTERED...

...BY ONE
OF THOSE
CHARMING
MEN I
DESPISE?!



HE
PROBABLY
DROPPED
IN AFTER A
SHOOT.

AH WELL.
IT'S UNLIKELY
I'LL EVER SEE
HIM AGAIN.

Thou shalt
never allow thyself
to be tempted
by false idols.

THERE!

SAHOKO,
YOU'RE
THE
BEST!

KYAH!
♡



D-DON'T
MAKE ME
LAUGH!

WELL?
WHAT
DID YOU
THINK OF
KOUTA IN
PERSON?

DID YOU
FALL FOR
HIM?!



KNOWING
YOU LIKE
IT IS
ENOUGH
FOR ME.

THANK
YOU SO
MUCH! I'LL
TREASURE
IT FOREVER!



THAT'S
NOT IT
AT ALL.

NO, NO, NO!
ALL I WANT
IS TO BE A
GUARDIAN FOR
MY BIASES. I
DON'T WANT
TO SEE THEM
IN PERSON.

YOU
WANT
TO MEET
HIM,
RIGHT?

Ah.
I CAN
CALL
YOU
IF HE
STOPS IN
AGAIN.

Oh,
hey!
CAN I ASK
ANOTHER
FAVOR?
ON THE
OFF
CHANCE.

AW,
YOU'RE
NO FUN.



IT'D BE SO
AWKWARD.

I FEEL
BAD
THAT I
MADE
HIM
CRY.

...I DON'T
WANT TO
TALK TO
HIM AGAIN.



LIKE
LEGEND'S
NEXT
DOME
CONCERT
IS TOTALLY
SOLD-OUT!

WOULD
YOU ASK
FOR
TICKETS?

I'D LOVE
TO ASK
FOR HER,
BUT...



Ah.

SAHOKO!

WELCOME HOME.
♡

NOMI



WHY IS HE HERE?!

As if it's a natural thing!

NOMI TA



SAHOKO, DID YOU KNOW?

THIS YOUNG MAN IS IN LIKE LEGEND!

I didn't recognize him at first.

DO CELEBS HAVE THIS MUCH FREE TIME?

WAIT. DON'T TELL ME I'M ON THAT "MONITORING" TV SHOW?!

Where's the hidden camera?!



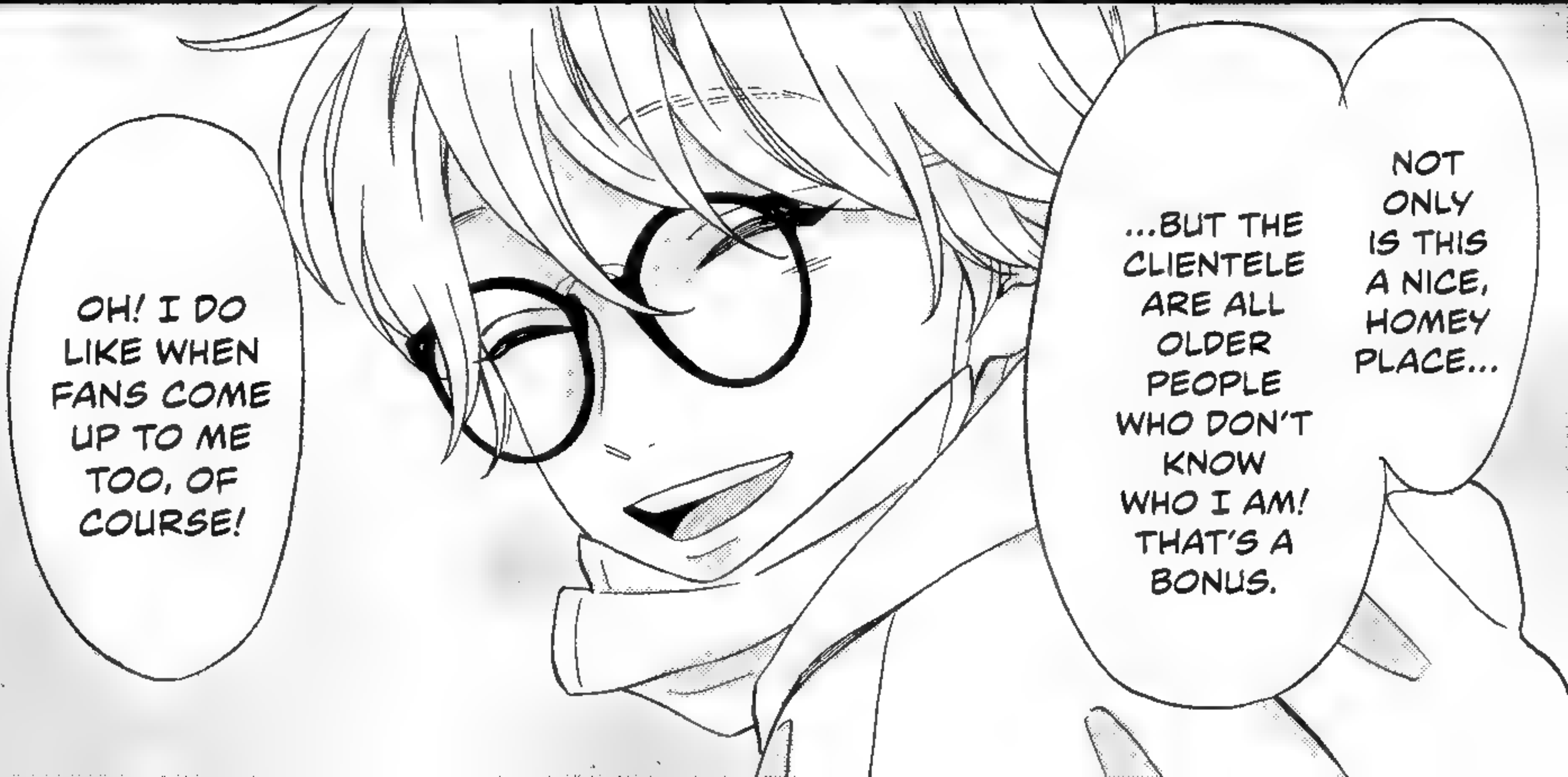
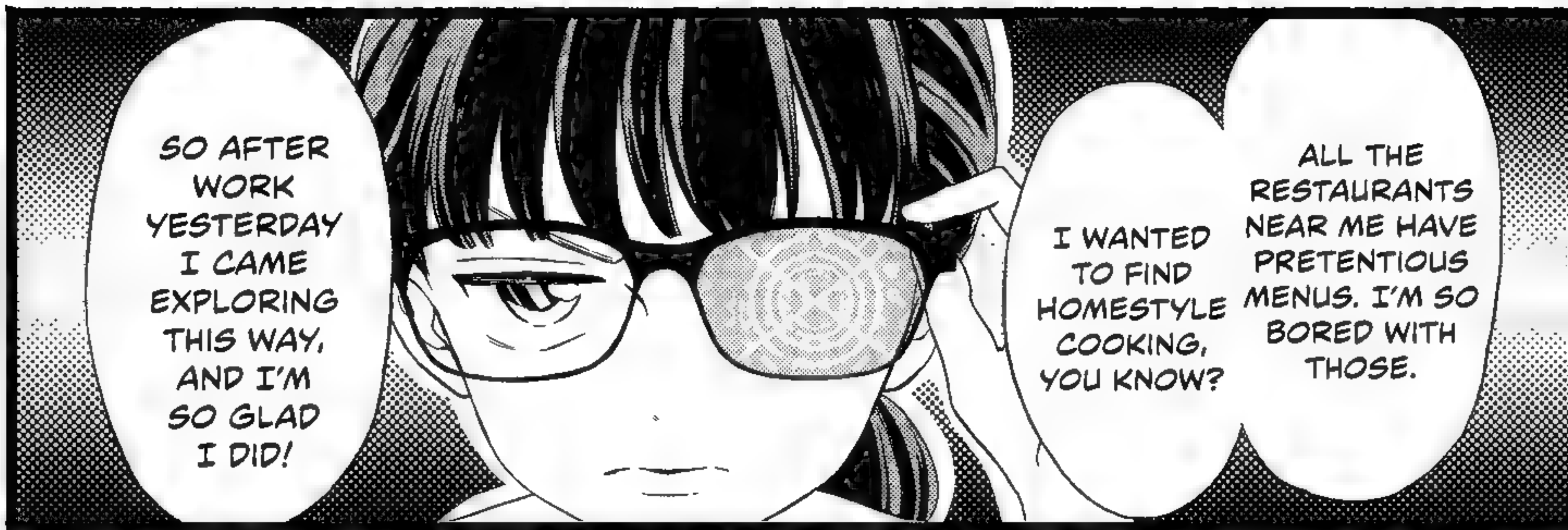
NOT THAT HE'LL EVER COME TO THE RESTAURANT AGAIN!

AT LEAST I HOPE NOT!!

Sorry about that, Yoko.

SHOP

I'M HOME!





AND I WANTED TO DO THIS AGAIN. PROPERLY THIS TIME!

?



I WAS RUDE AND UN-THINKING YESTER-DAY.

I OFFER YOU MY SINCEREST APOLOGIES!

BOW

!



I GUESS THAT ELIMINATES THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE WOULD TURN US INTO AN IDOL CONCEPT CAFE.

WHAT POSSIBILITY?

OH. IS THAT SO.

TODAY'S AN OFF DAY.

I HAVE ONLY DANCE LESSONS LATER, SO I THOUGHT I'D COME BY FOR A LATE LUNCH.

MONO-TONE



THIS IS THROWING ME FOR A LOOP.

NO, DON'T BE! IT WAS ALL MY FAULT!

I WENT OVER-BOARD YESTER-DAY. I'M SORRY.

N-NO, IT'S OKAY.



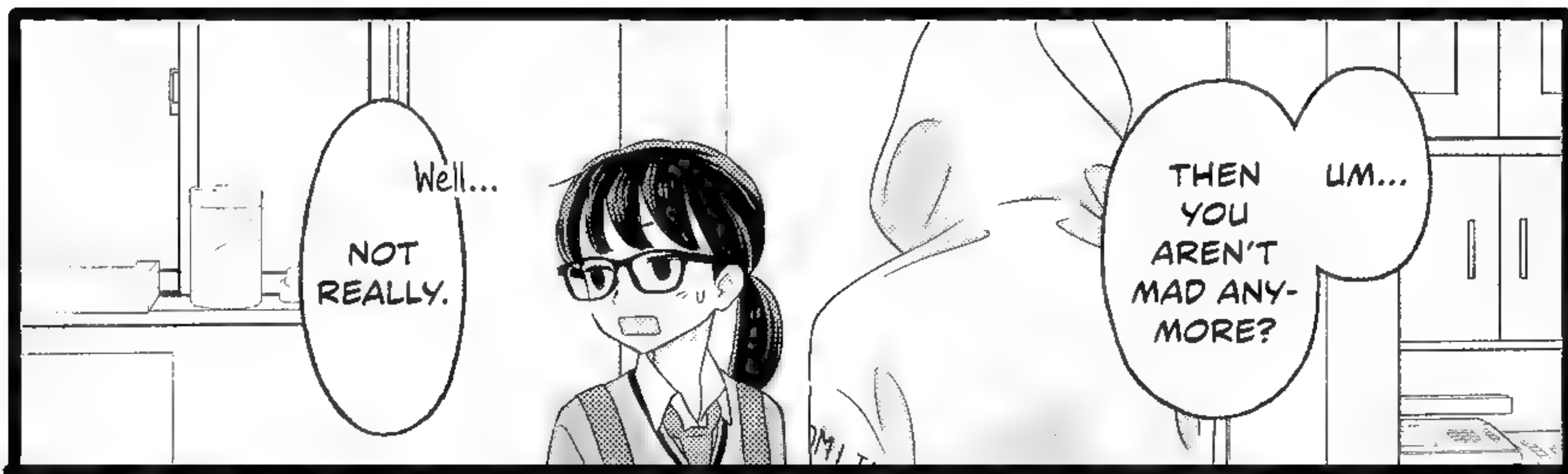
SOMEONE LIKE HIM IS APOLOGIZING TO ME?!

HE DOESN'T HAVE TO DO THIS!

HE'S A NATION-ALLY FAMOUS IDOL!

BOW

NOM!





NOMI TA, NOMI TA, NOMI TA, NOMI TA!
NOMI TA, NOMI TA, NOMI TA, NOMI TA!
NOMI TA, NOMI TA!
NOMI TA!



...BUT
I ONLY
NEED
ONE.

I'M NOT
GOING
MYSELF.



Leave
it to
me!

MYS-
TERY
GES-
TURE

THANK
YOU...

I'LL GRAB
TWO SEATS-
ONE FOR YOU
AND A FRIEND!
THEY'LL BE
GOOD ONES
TOO. VIP!

NO
PROB-
LEM!



PLUB



DO YOU
HATE
ME?

SAHO-
KO.



THAT'S
NOT MY
PROBLEM.

I'M
SENSITIVE,
YOU KNOW.
IF SOMEONE
DOESN'T
LIKE ME,
I'LL DIE!

Everyone
knows that
about me.

IF YOU
TELL
ME, I'LL
CHANGE
IT.

WHAT
DON'T
YOU
LIKE?

...MY
FAVORITE
TYPE OF
PERSON.

UH,
YOU
AREN'T
...



THEY'RE SO PRIVILEGED THAT THEY CAN'T EMPATHIZE WITH OTHER PEOPLE'S PAIN.

BECAUSE THEY HAPPENED TO BE BORN ATTRACTIVE ...

...THEY GET EVERYTHING THEY WANT WITHOUT HAVING TO WORK FOR IT.



I DISLIKE IDOLS AND ALL BEAUTIFUL MEN.

IT ISN'T YOU SPECIFICALLY.

WHY?!



THAT'S WHY THEY DON'T CARE WHEN THEY HURT PEOPLE.

WHAT?!

I said I don't want them!

I'll leave the DVD and albums right here. ♥

WHAT IS WRONG WITH HIM?!



THERE'S NO REASON TO HATE ME! YOU CAN ENTRUST YOUR HEART TO ME!

IN FACT, I'M THE OPPOSITE! ☆

OH, I'M NOT LIKE THAT AT ALL!

I'LL DECIDE THAT ON MY OWN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

GRAB

THAT'S
JUST
THE WAY
KOUTA
IS.

...WHY DOES
HE EVEN
CARE?!

He probably
has more fans
than stars in
the sky.

WHETHER
I LIKE HIM
OR HATE
HIM...

ANY
ATTENTION
FROM HIM
WOULD BE A
NUISANCE!

I'M NOT
HIS FAN,
THANKS!

ON TWITTER
HE LIKES AS
MANY OF
HIS FANS'
TWEETS AS
HE CAN.

NO MATTER
HOW MANY
FANS HE HAS,
HE STILL
TRIES TO
GIVE THEM
ALL HIS
INDIVIDUAL
ATTENTION.

HELLO,
EVERY-
ONE!

I WILL
NEVER GET
ADDICTED!

LET'S
WELCOME
OUR
GUEST OF
HONOR...

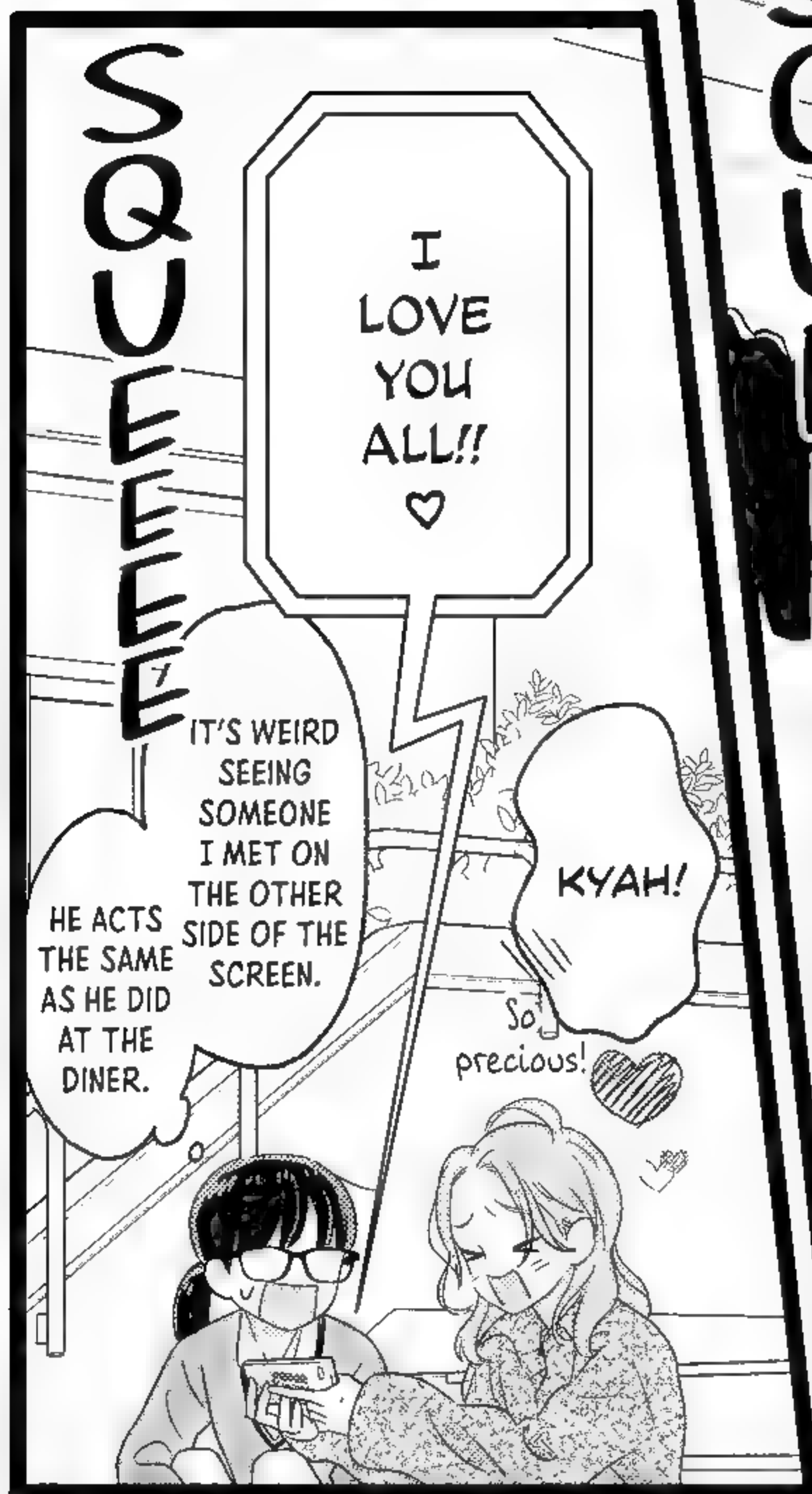
BUT I
WANT YOU
TO GET
ADDICTED
TOO!

WATCH
IT BY
YOUR-
SELF!

IT'S
AT
SUN-
SHINE
CITY.

THE LIVE
EVENT FOR
KOUTA'S
NEW PHOTO
COLLECTION.

WHAT
ARE YOU
WATCH-
ING?





TELL US ABOUT WHAT WAS THE MOST FUN FOR YOU!

um...

Kouta!

Don't listen to him!

Kouta, it's okay!

Kouta!



OH NO.

THIS WON'T MAKE HIM CRY, WILL IT?

Huh?
WHAT THE HELL? I WANT TO THROTTLE THAT JERK!



THE MOST FUN I HAD ON THE SHOOT WAS WHEN...

OKAY!

BEFORE WE MOVE ON...

I'D LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT GENTLEMAN'S CRITICISM AND PROMISE I'LL DO MY BEST TO IMPROVE.

HE
SURPRISED
ME AGAIN.

...

THAT
WAS SO
MATURE!

KOUTA
IS SUCH
A GOOD
PERSON!

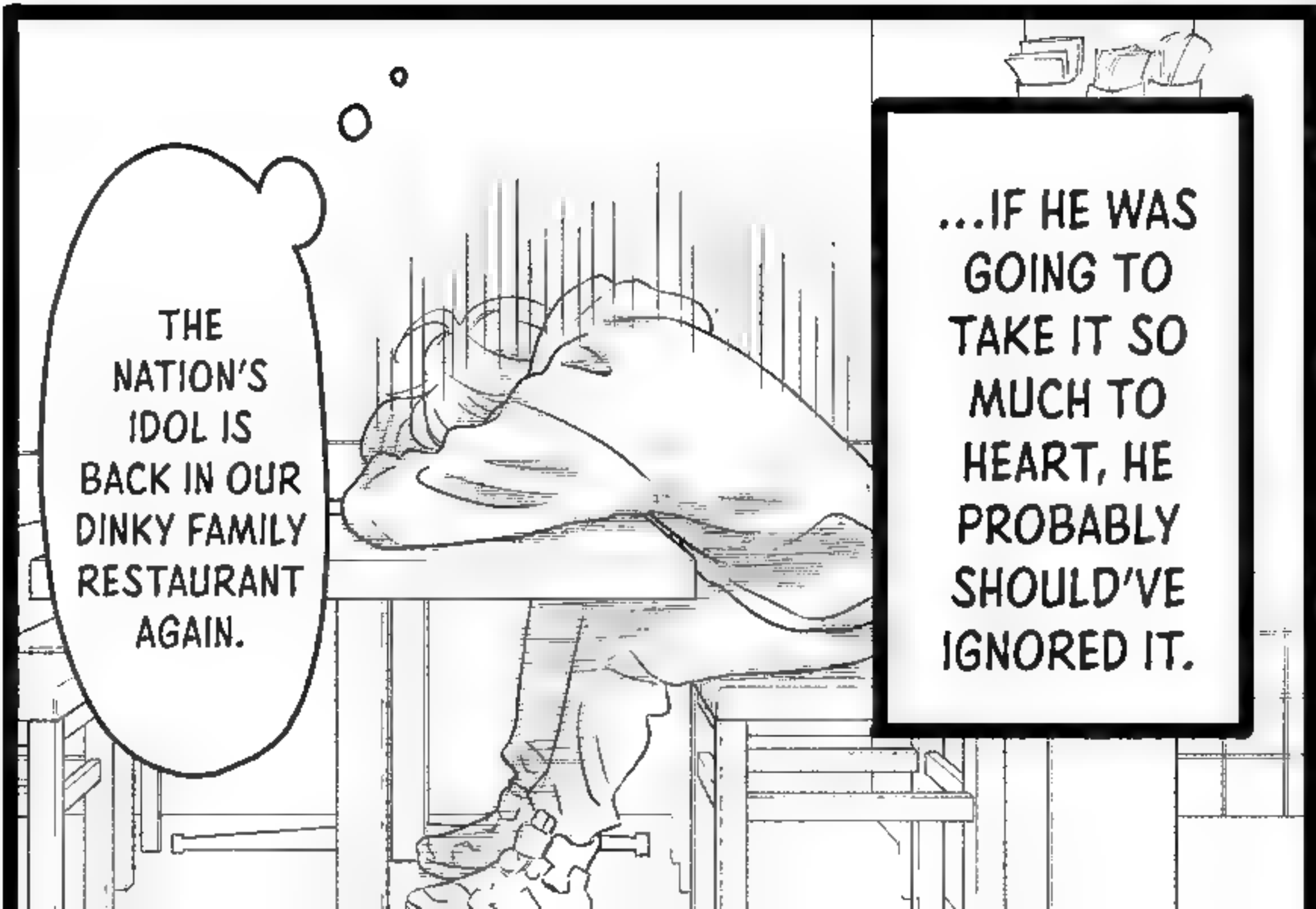
I
love
you!

I THOUGHT
SOMEONE
WHO'S BEEN SO
PRIVILEGED...



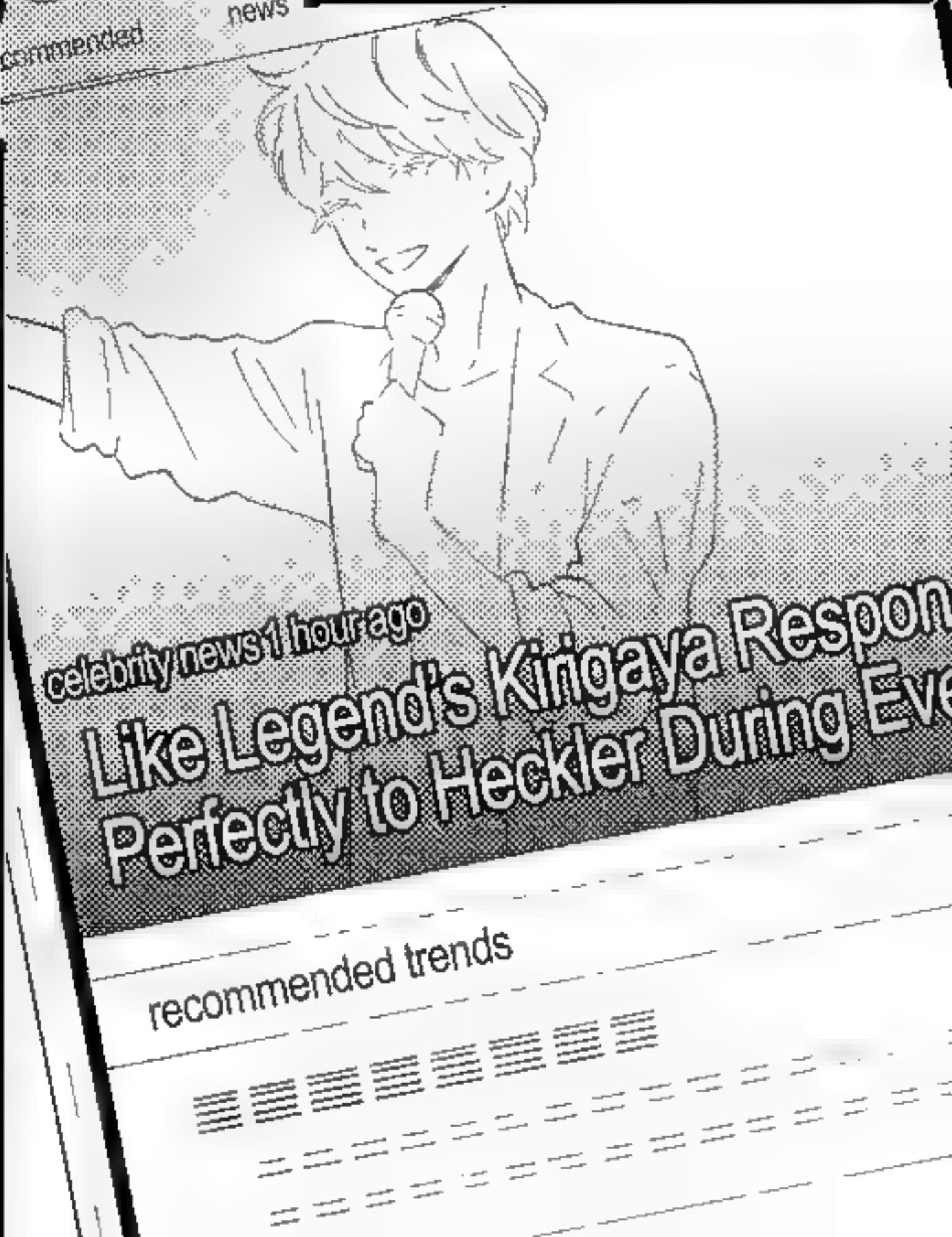
BUT...

...WOULD
IGNORE ANY
CRITICISM HE
DIDN'T WANT
TO HEAR.



THE
NATION'S
IDOL IS
BACK IN OUR
DINKY FAMILY
RESTAURANT
AGAIN.

...IF HE WAS
GOING TO
TAKE IT SO
MUCH TO
HEART, HE
PROBABLY
SHOULD'VE
IGNORED IT.



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...I WANT TO
LISTEN TO THEM
AND EARNESTLY
THINK ABOUT
WHY THEY
DON'T.

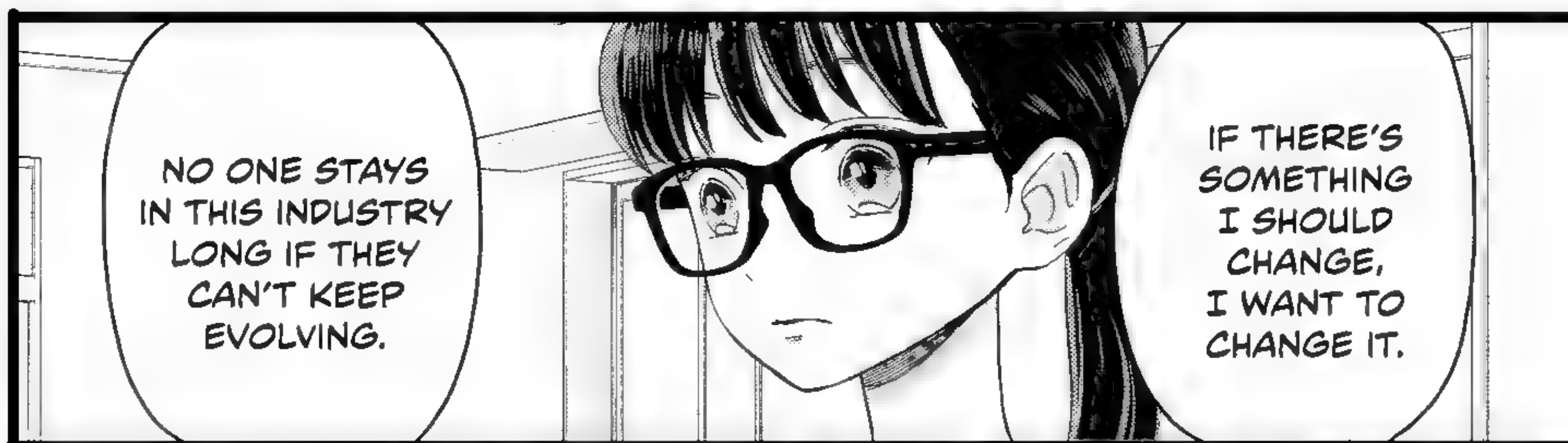
IF
SOMEONE
DOESN'T
LIKE ME...



HA
HA
HA
THANKS.
THAT'S
SO KIND.
♡

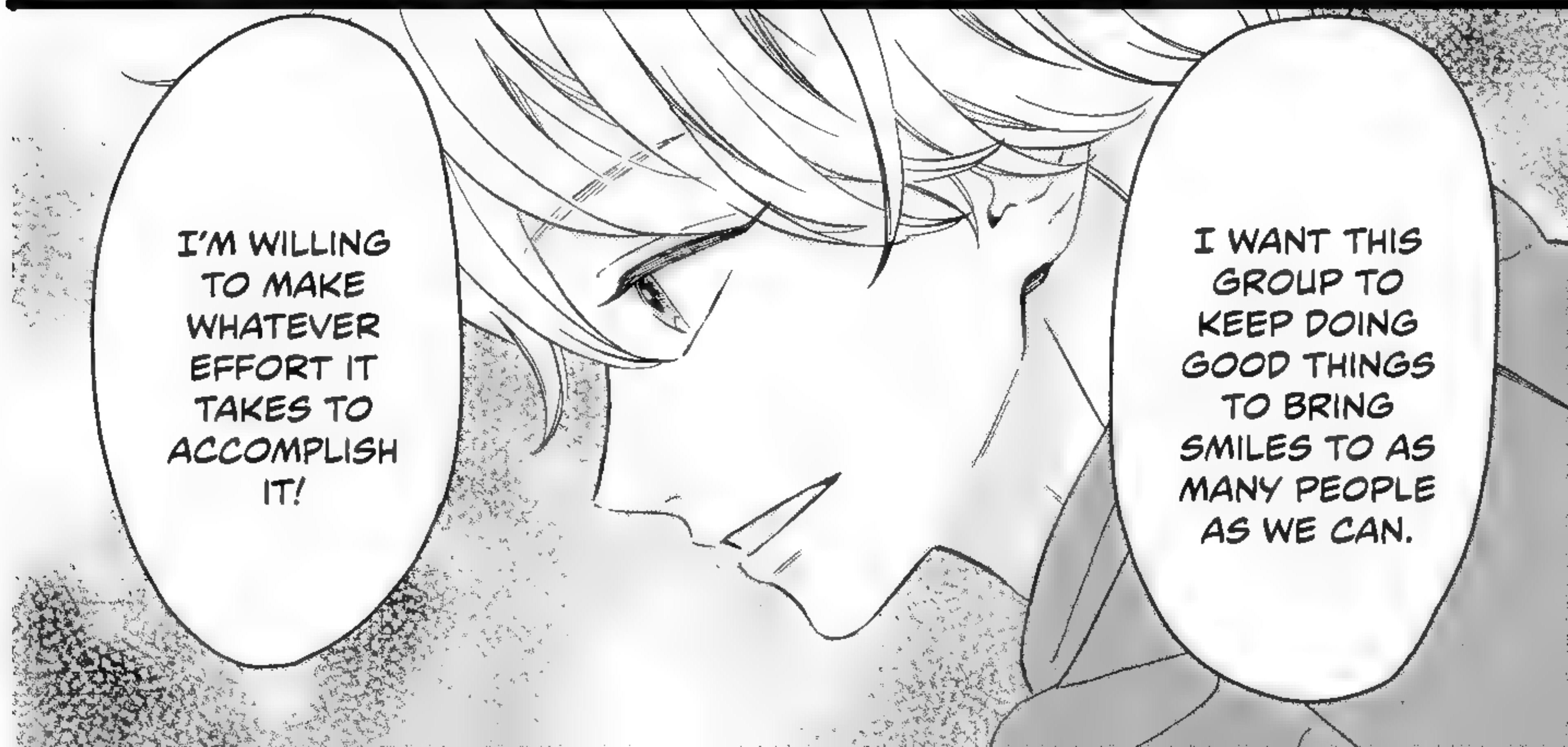
Um!
I-I
WASN'T
TRYING
TO, UH-

YOU
KNOW
SOME-
THING?



NO ONE STAYS
IN THIS INDUSTRY
LONG IF THEY
CAN'T KEEP
EVOLVING.

IF THERE'S
SOMETHING
I SHOULD
CHANGE,
I WANT TO
CHANGE IT.



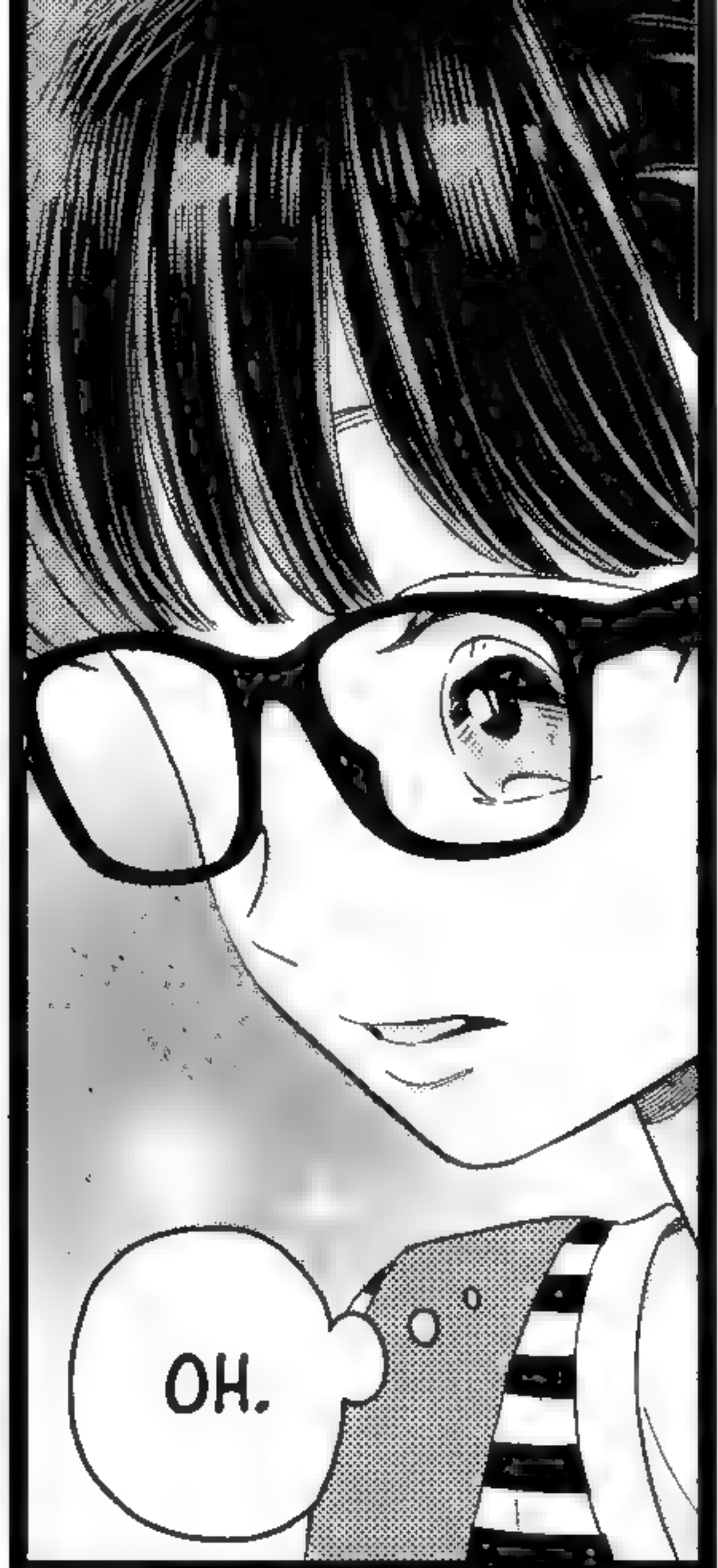
I'M WILLING
TO MAKE
WHATEVER
EFFORT IT
TAKES TO
ACCOMPLISH
IT!

I WANT THIS
GROUP TO
KEEP DOING
GOOD THINGS
TO BRING
SMILES TO AS
MANY PEOPLE
AS WE CAN.



I SEE NOW.

SO THAT'S WHY HE WAS SO DESPERATE BEFORE.



OH.



...WHAT YOU DID TODAY WAS ADMIRABLE!

AND I THINK...



I'M SORRY ABOUT HOW RUDE I WAS THE OTHER DAY.

I...





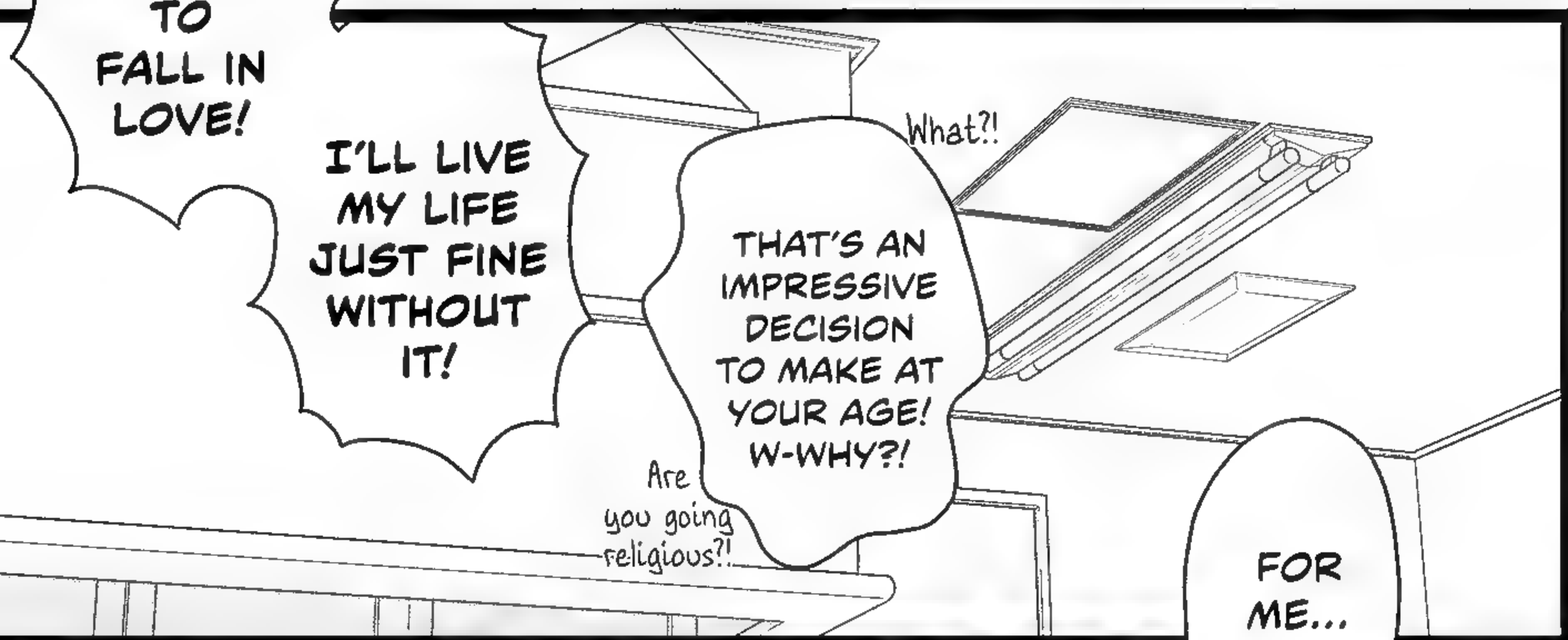
I'VE
DECIDED
I'M
NEVER
GOING
TO
FALL IN
LOVE!

I
THOUGHT
HIGH
SCHOOL
GIRLS LIKED
CHATTING
ABOUT
LOVE!

Sorry I
assumed!



WAAAAH!
I'M
SORRY!
I'VE NO
IDEA WHAT
I SAID,
BUT I'M
REALLY
SORRY!!

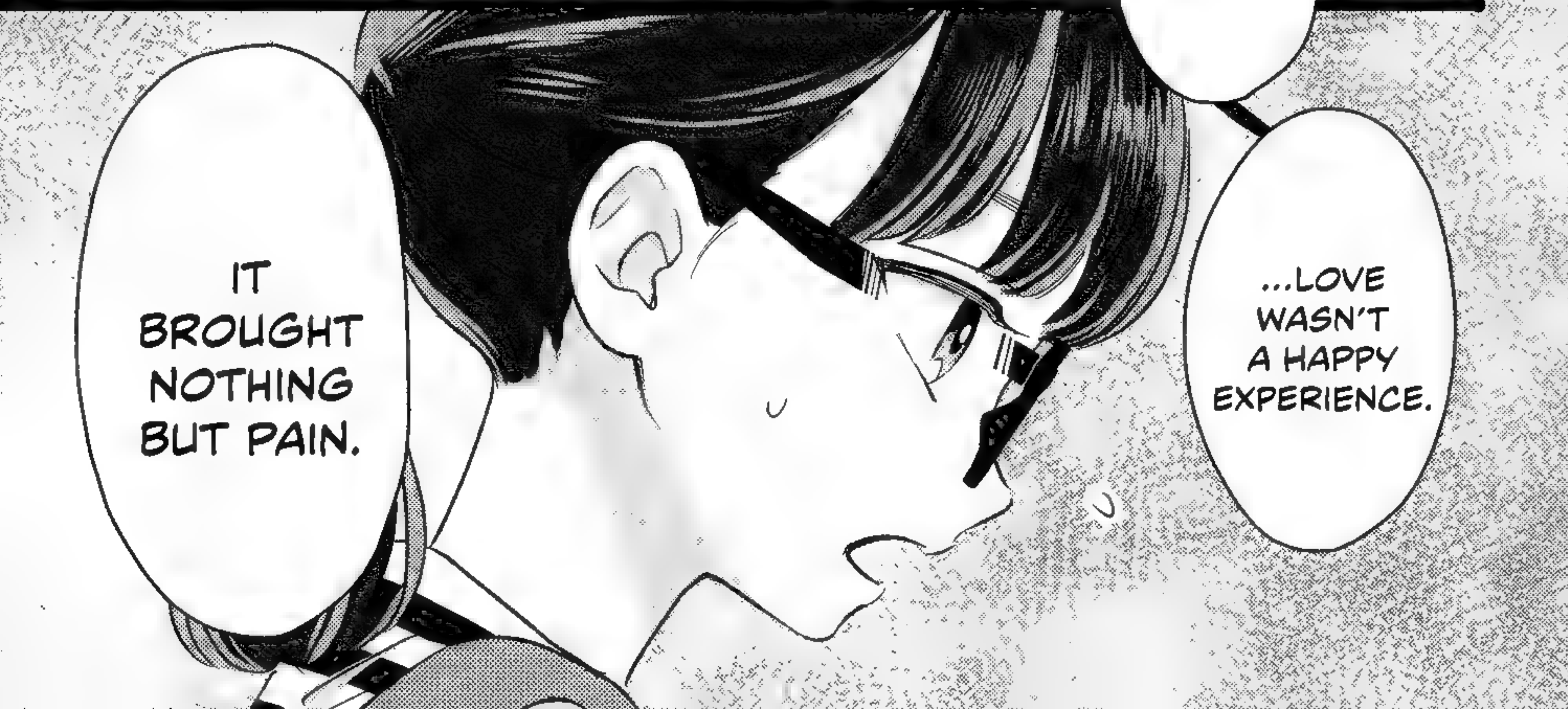


I'LL LIVE
MY LIFE
JUST FINE
WITHOUT
IT!

What?!
THAT'S AN
IMPRESSIVE
DECISION
TO MAKE AT
YOUR AGE!
W-WHY?!

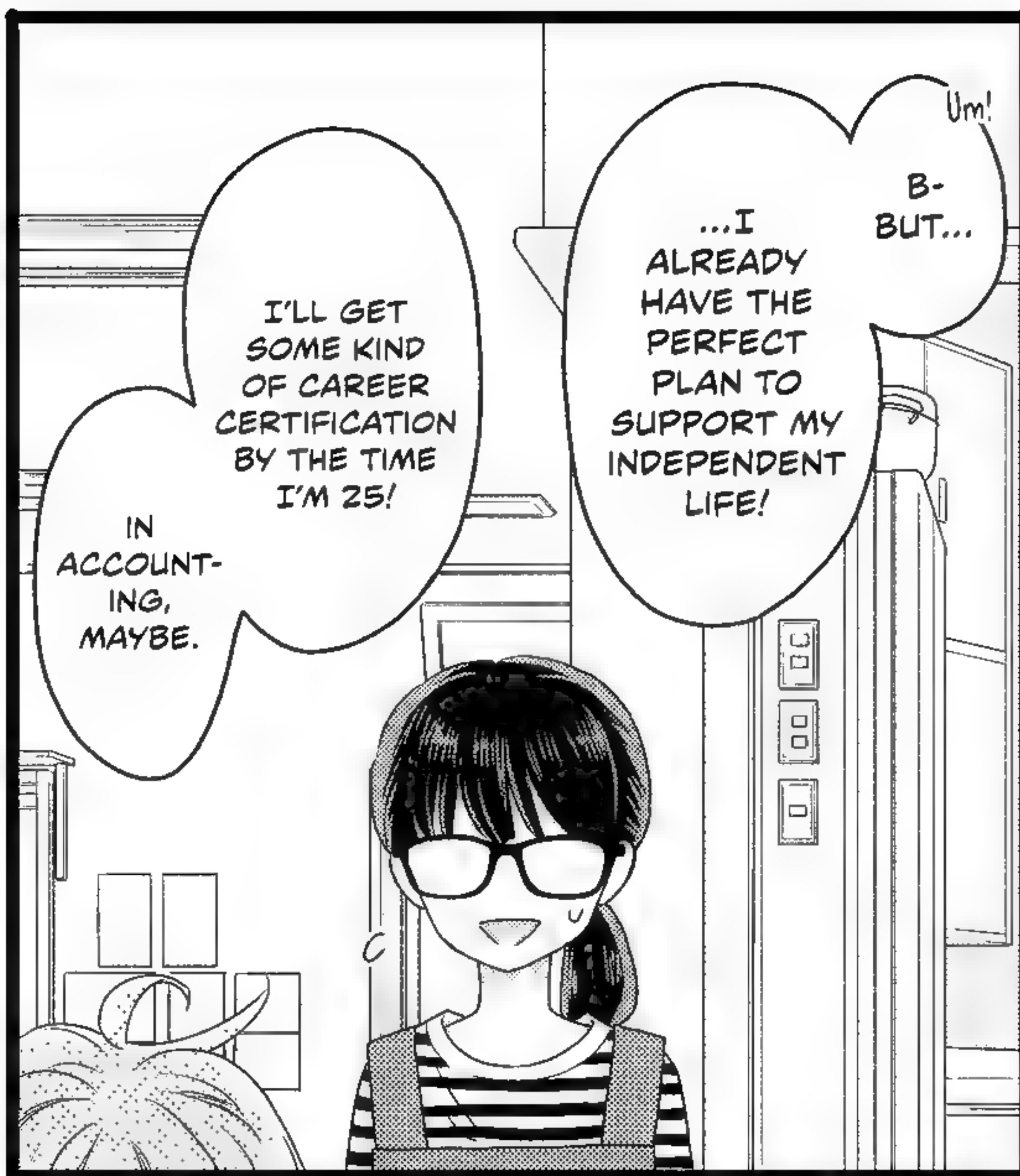
Are
you going
religious?!

FOR
ME...



IT
BROUGHT
NOTHING
BUT PAIN.

...LOVE
WASN'T
A HAPPY
EXPERIENCE.



...YOU'RE
STILL
YOUNG.

BUT...

IT'S POSSIBLE
YOU'LL FIND
SOMEONE
SO AMAZING
THAT...

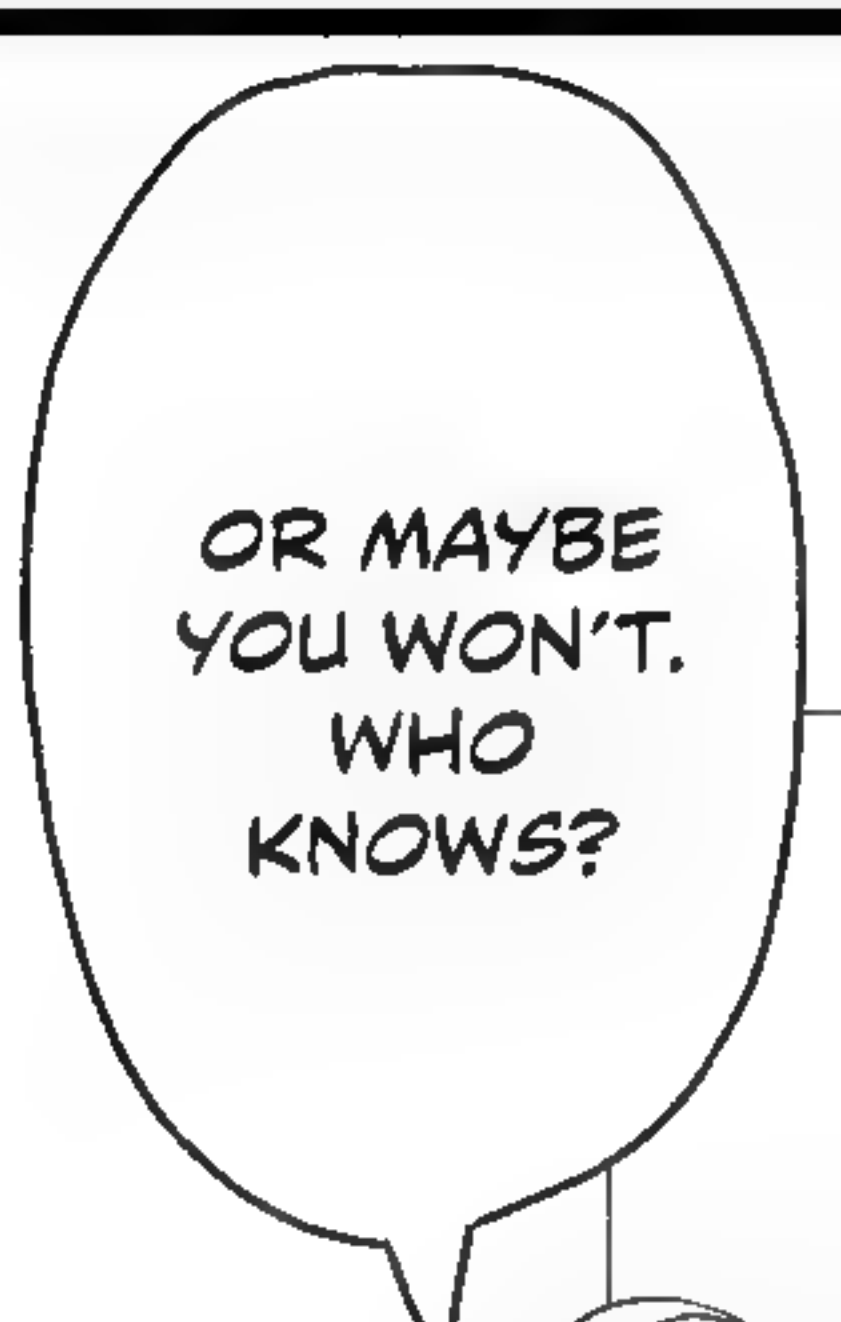
...YOU'LL
FORGET ALL
YOUR PAINFUL
MEMORIES
OF LOVE.

1000000



...IT'S FINE NOT
TO LIMIT ALL THE
POSSIBILITIES,
RIGHT?

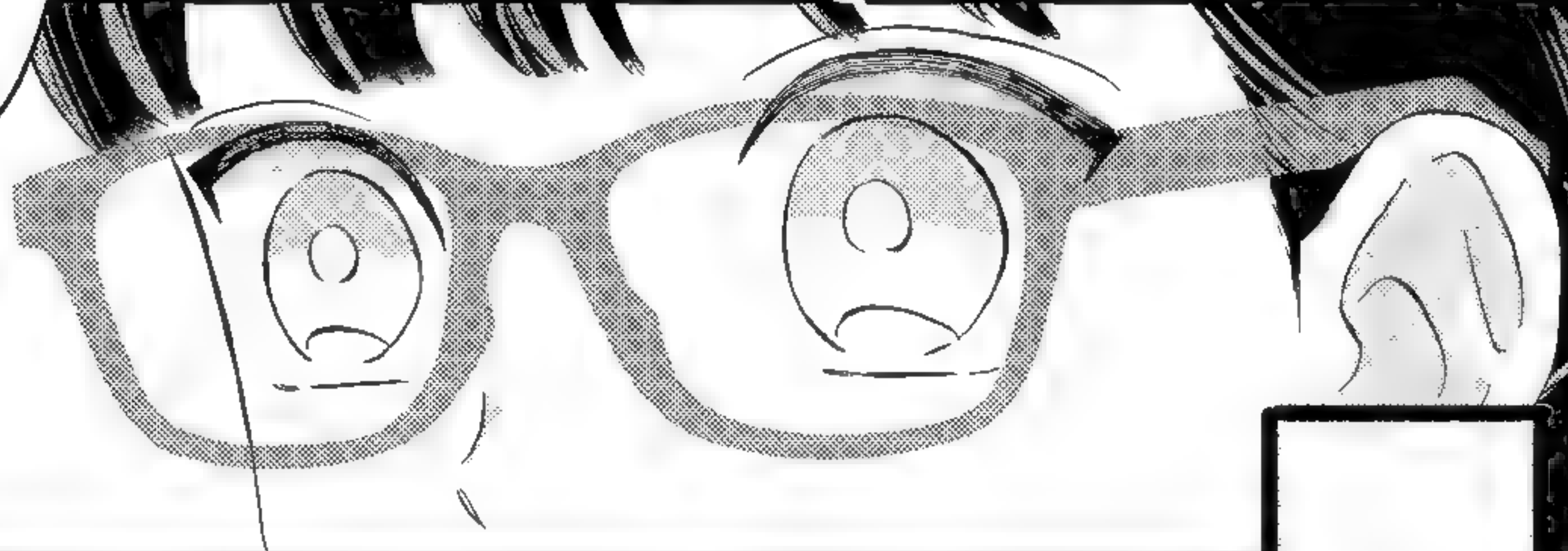
BUT FOR
NOW...



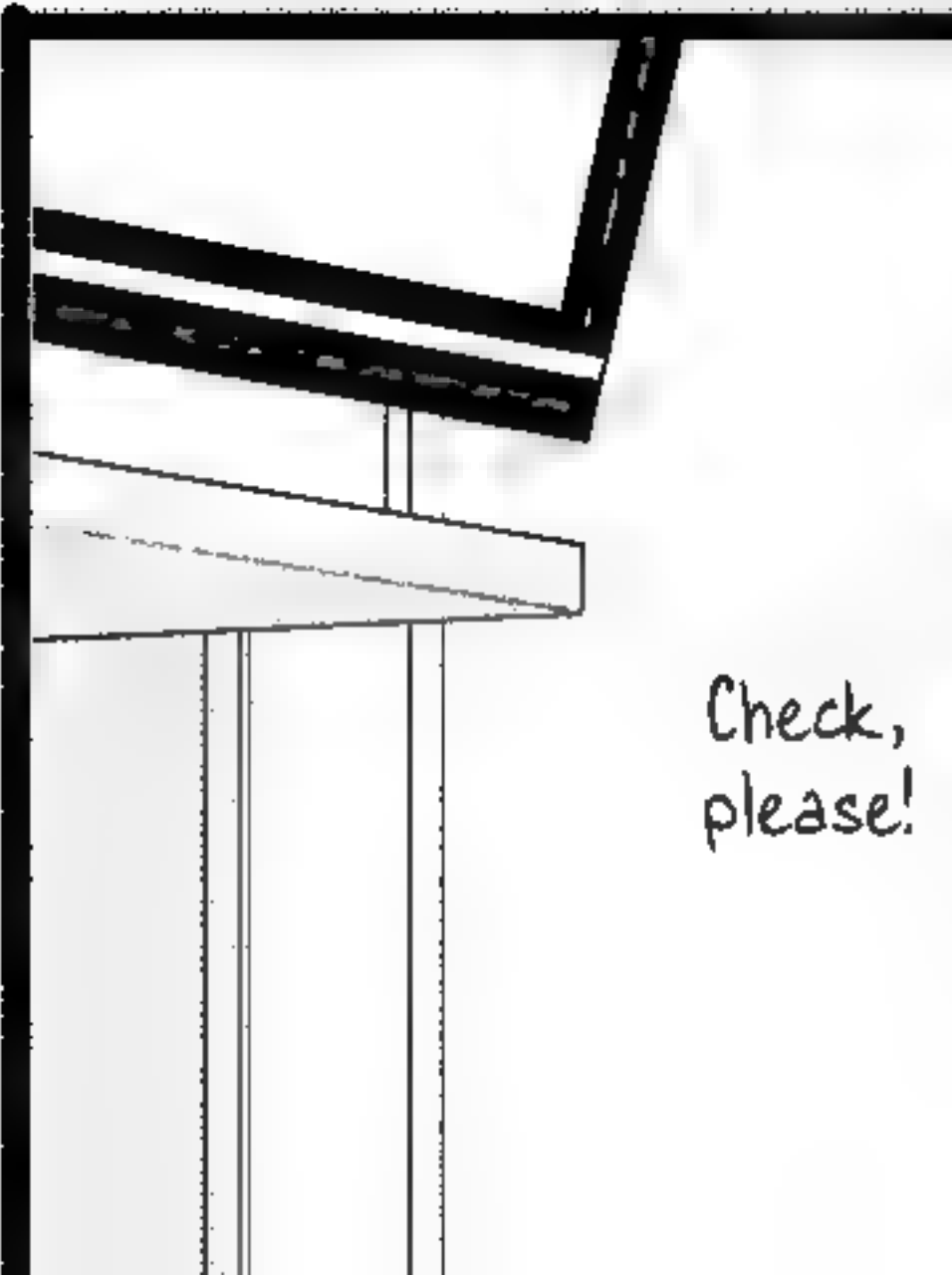
OR MAYBE
YOU WON'T.
WHO
KNOWS?



WHICH
IS IT?!



THAT...



Check,
please!

ANYWAY,
I'D
BETTER
GET
GOING.

...IS
SOMETHING
THAT HADN'T
OCCURRED
TO ME.



...BUT
COME
TO THE
CONCERT.
I'LL SHOW
YOU...

...WHAT
MAKES
US SO
COOL!



HEY,
SAHOKO?

LOOK
FORWARD
TO THE
CONCERT,
OKAY?



I DON'T
KNOW
THOSE
BEAUTIFUL
MEN YOU
MET
BEFORE...

I'VE
ONLY
JUST
MET
YOU.

HOYA BOYA



HELLO,
EVERY-
ONE!

R
A
A
A
A
A
A
A
H

WE'RE
LIKE
LEGEND!







LIFE LEGEND

...BUT HE
SUDDENLY
POPPED
UP IN THE
MIDDLE OF
MY LIFE.



LIFE LEGEND

HE'S A
NATIONALLY
FAMOUS IDOL.
I KNEW THAT
IN MY HEAD...

HE'S
SOMEONE
WHO'S
MEANT
TO BE
FAR AWAY
FROM ME.

IT'S TAKEN
UNTIL NOW
FOR THE
REALIZATION
TO HIT.





BUT...

...CAN'T SEE
ANYTHING.

I
TRULY
...



IT'S
POSSIBLE
YOU'LL FIND
SOMEONE
SO AMAZING
THAT...

...YOU'LL
FORGET
ALL YOUR
PAINFUL
MEMORIES
OF LOVE.



I
THINK...

...I ALREADY
KNOW WHAT
MAKES HIM
SO COOL.





STOP.
DON'T BE
STUPID.

THIS
CAN'T BE
HAPPENING.

OF ALL
PEOPLE,
NOT HIM.



THERE'LL
BE NOTHING
BUT FLAGS
OF DOOM.

NEXT,
OUR HIT
SINGLE...

"YOU ARE
SPECIAL"!!

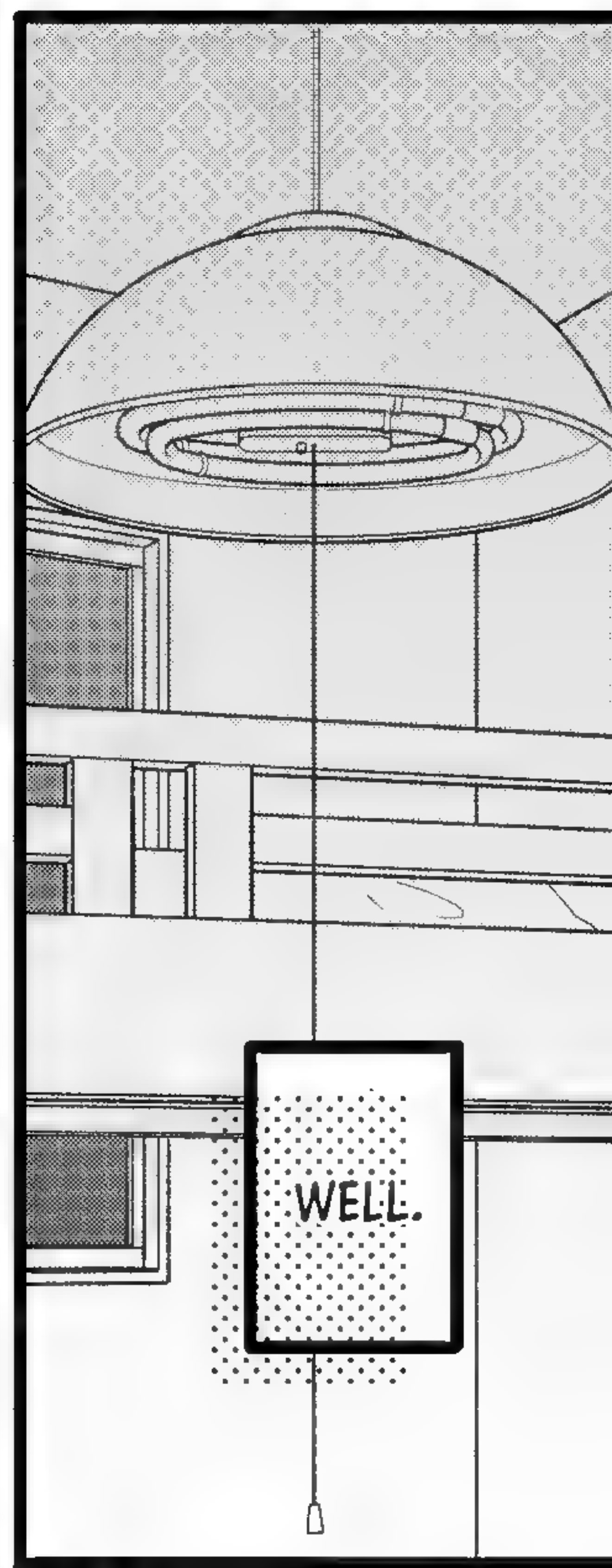
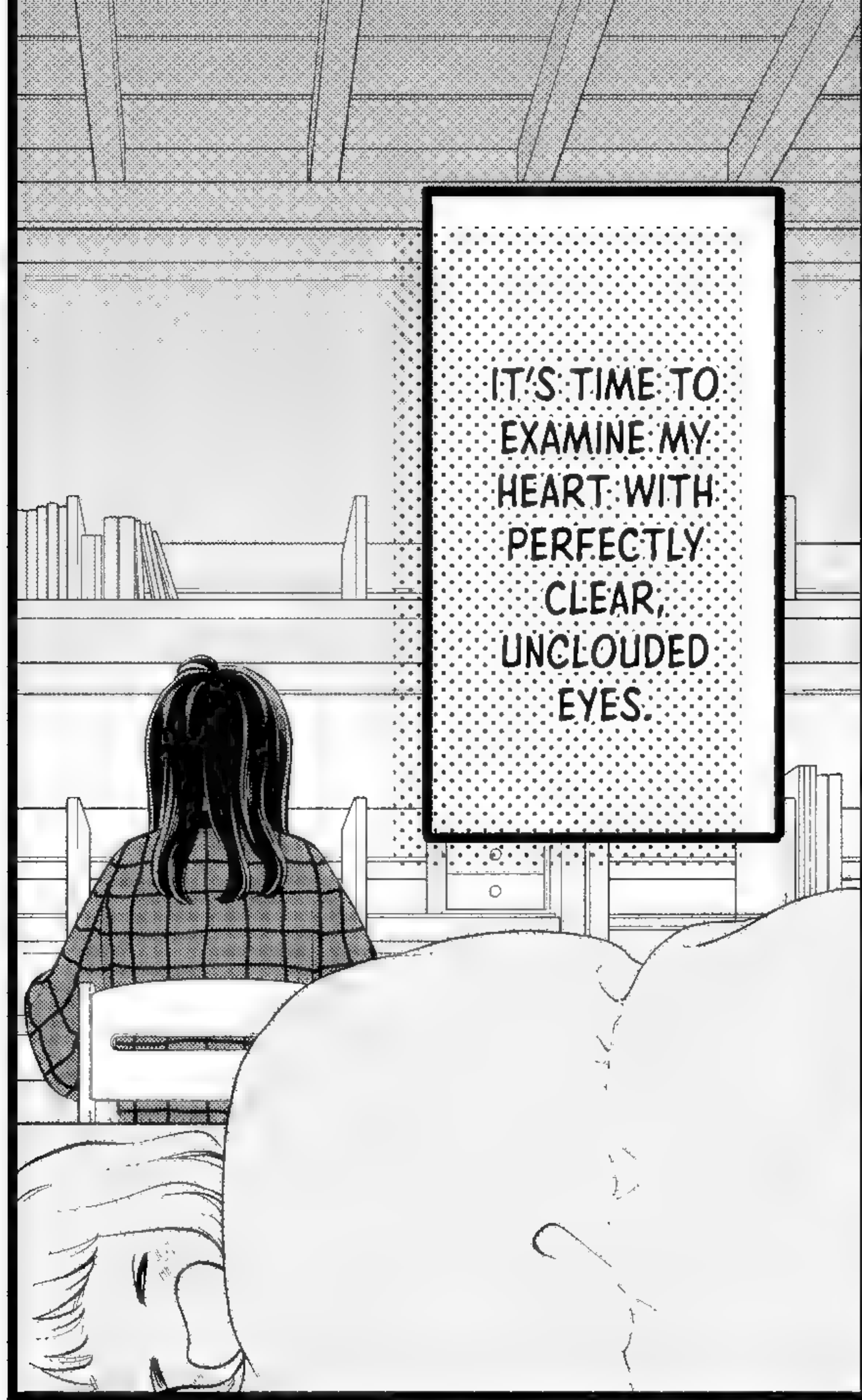
I CANNOT
ALLOW
MYSELF TO BE
ATTRACTED
TO THE
NATION'S
TOP IDOL!

I refuse!
You hear
me?!

Chapter 2

My
Special
One





...I FACED
THE MALE
IDOL—THE
PROVERBIAL
FINAL BOSS OF
ALL GORGEOUS
MEN.

NOT
LONG AGO,
AT THAT
CONCERT...



I
VOWED
TO
NEVER
FALL IN
LOVE!
REMEMBER
THE
PAIN OF
REJECTION...

WAS IT MY
IMAGINATION,
OR DID I ALLOW
MYSELF TO FEEL
A MOMENTARY
TWINGE OF
ATTRACTION?!

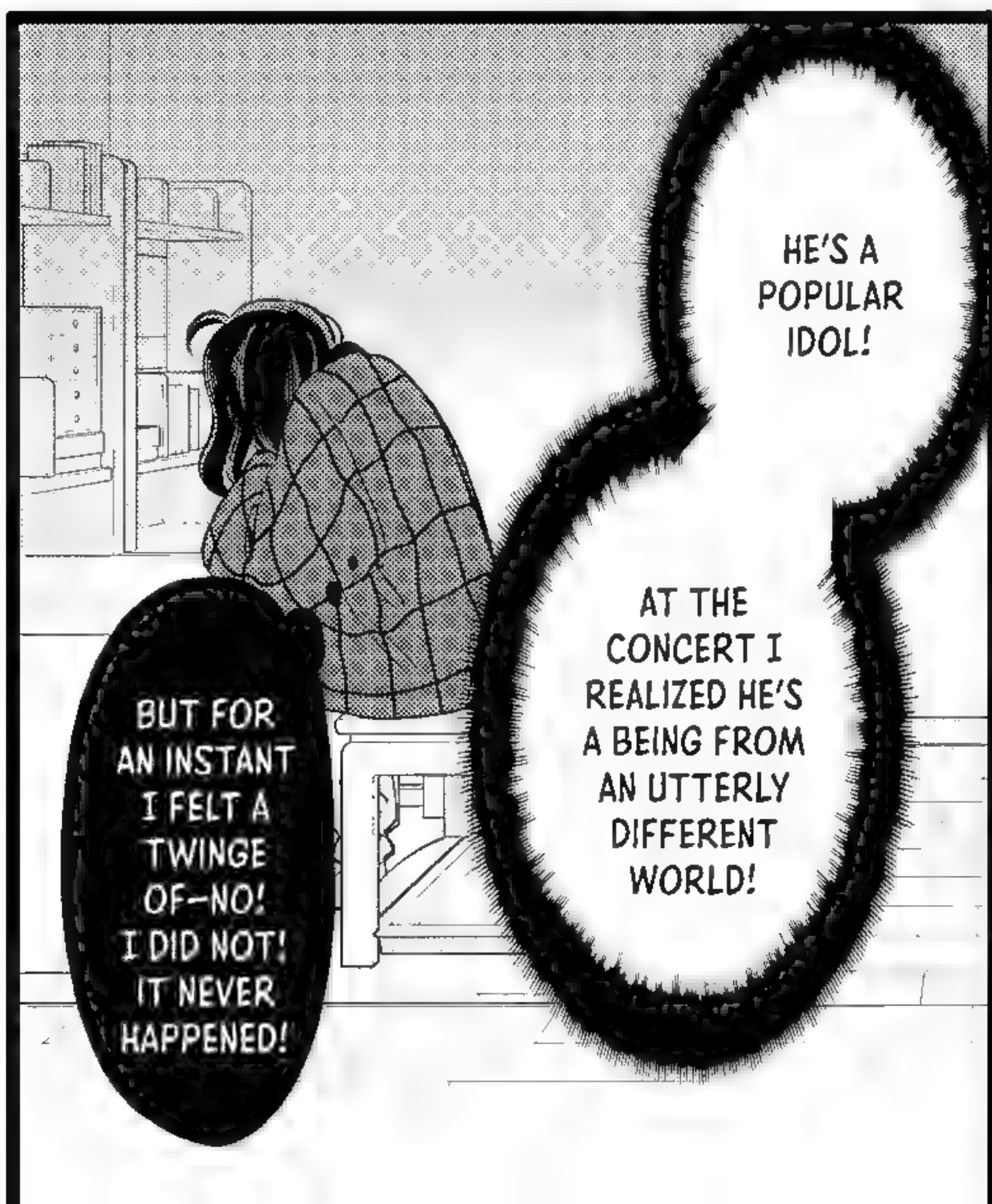
...AND
HOW I'VE
WISHED DEATH,
DOOM, AND
BALDNESS ON
ALL BEAUTIFUL
MEN ACROSS
THE WORLD!!

WHAT IS
WRONG
WITH ME?!
KEEP IT
TOGETHER!





SELF-SLAP





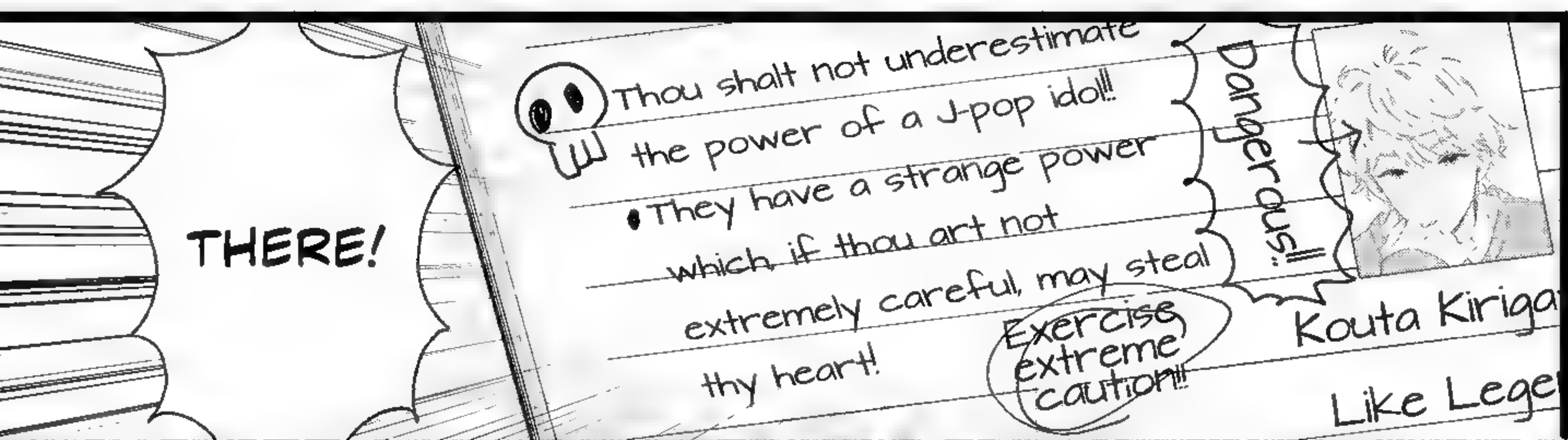
IT WAS A
DELUSION—
NOTHING
MORE!

COME TO
YOUR SENSES,
SAHOKO
WAKAUME!

BA



I WAS
INFECTED
BY A BIT OF
THE NATURAL
POISON MALE
IDOLS
EXUDE,
THAT'S
ALL! IT HAS
PASSED!



THERE!

Thou shalt not underestimate
the power of a J-pop idol!!
• They have a strange power
which if thou art not
extremely careful, may steal
thy heart!

Dangerous!!

Kouta Kiriga
Like Leger

Exercise
extreme
caution!!



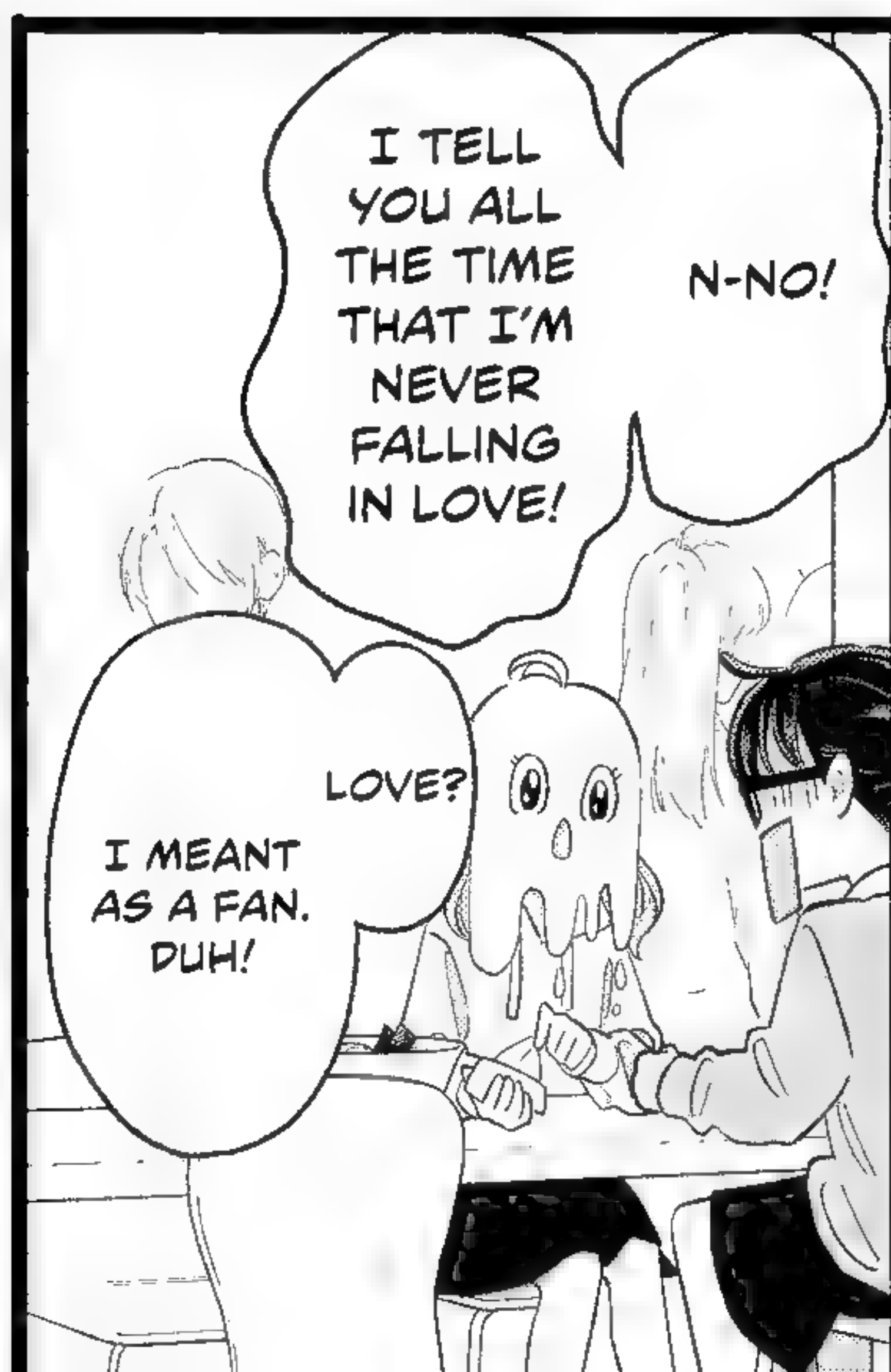
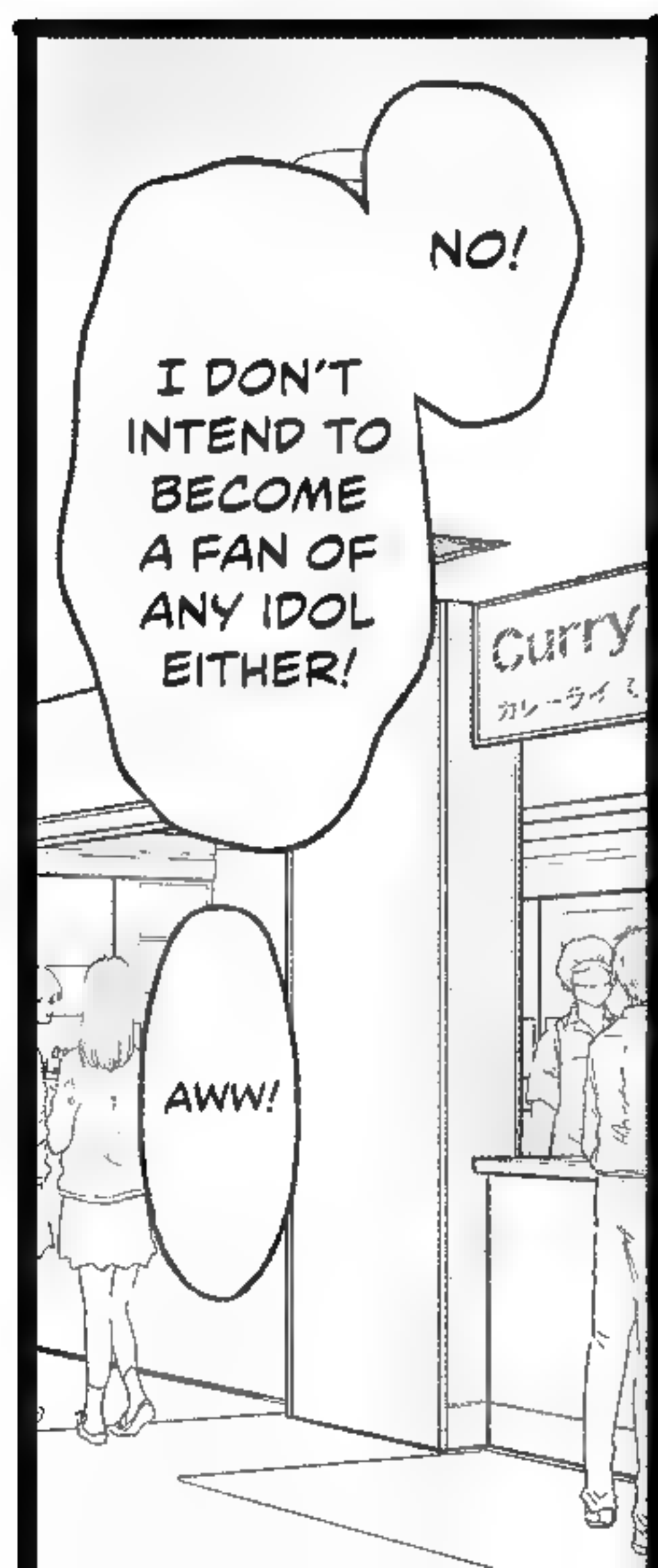
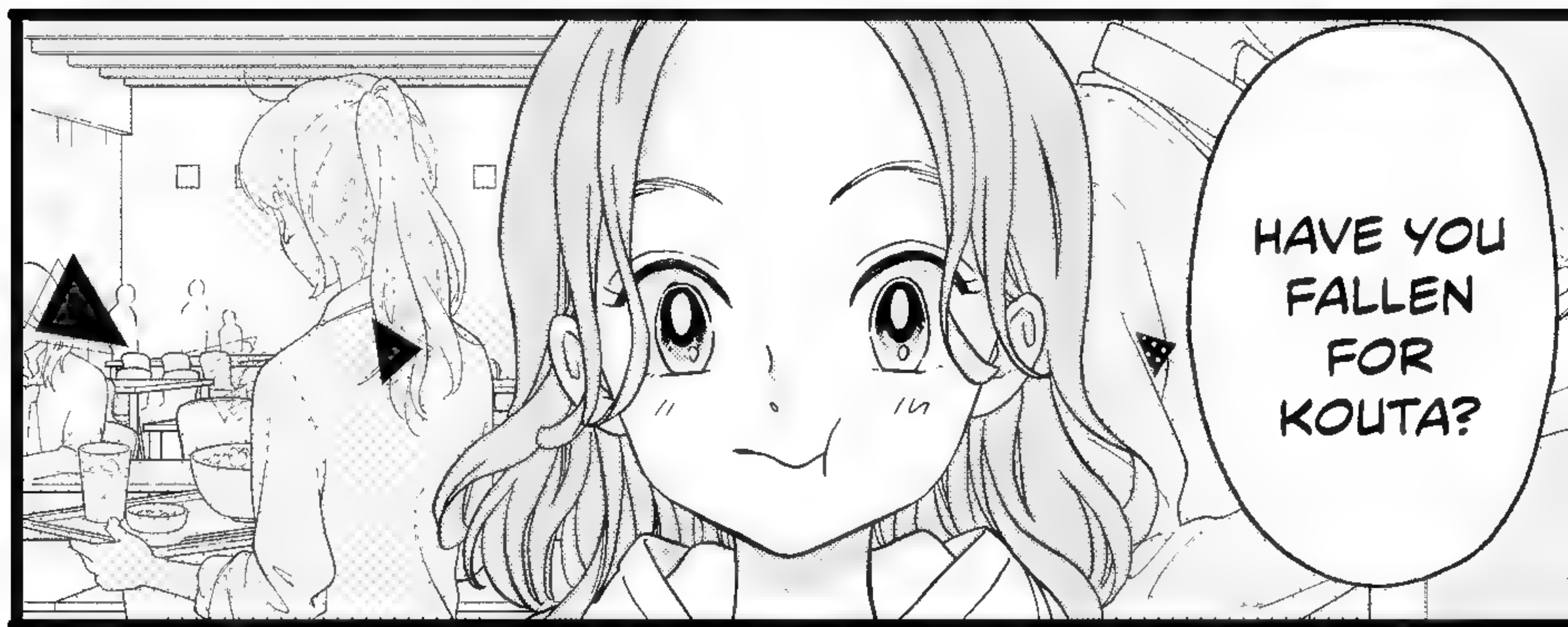
I DON'T
WANT
TO FALL
IN LOVE,
PERIOD.

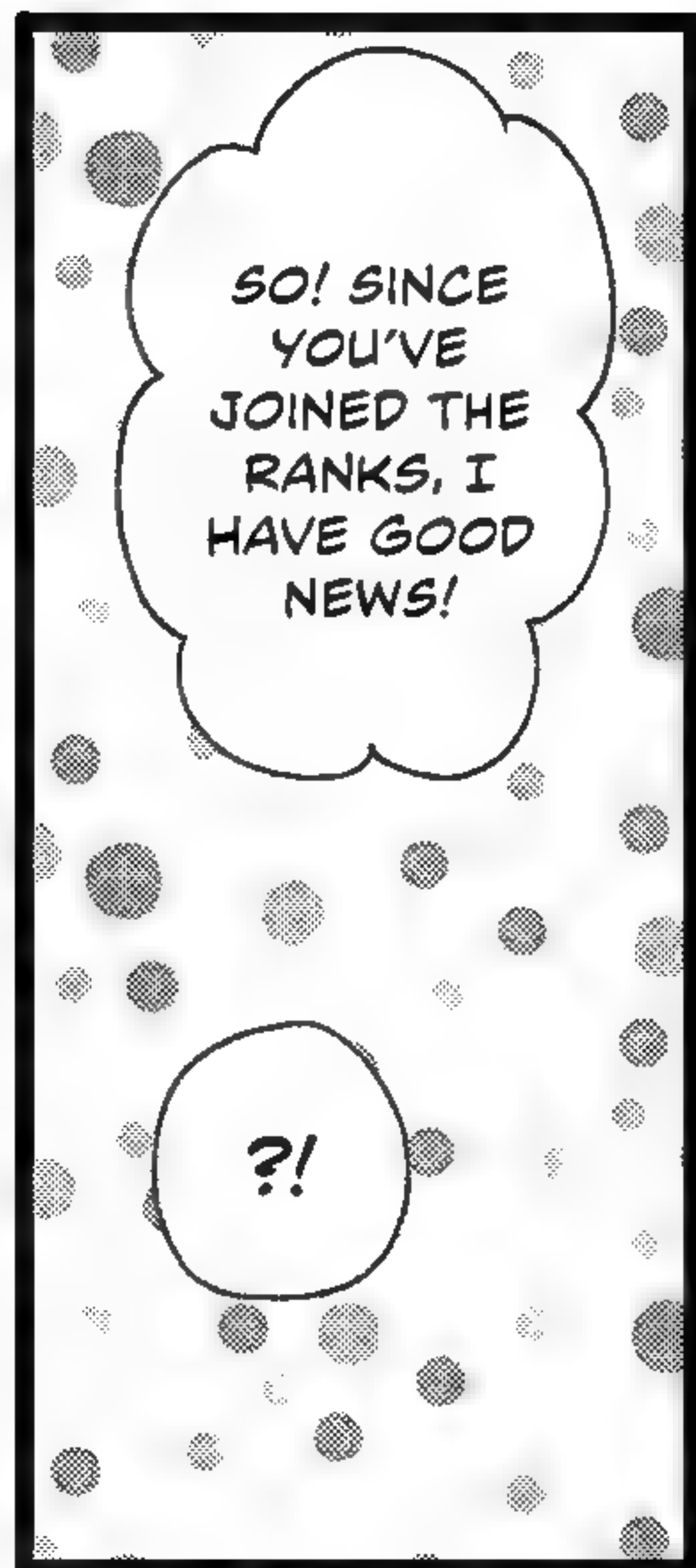
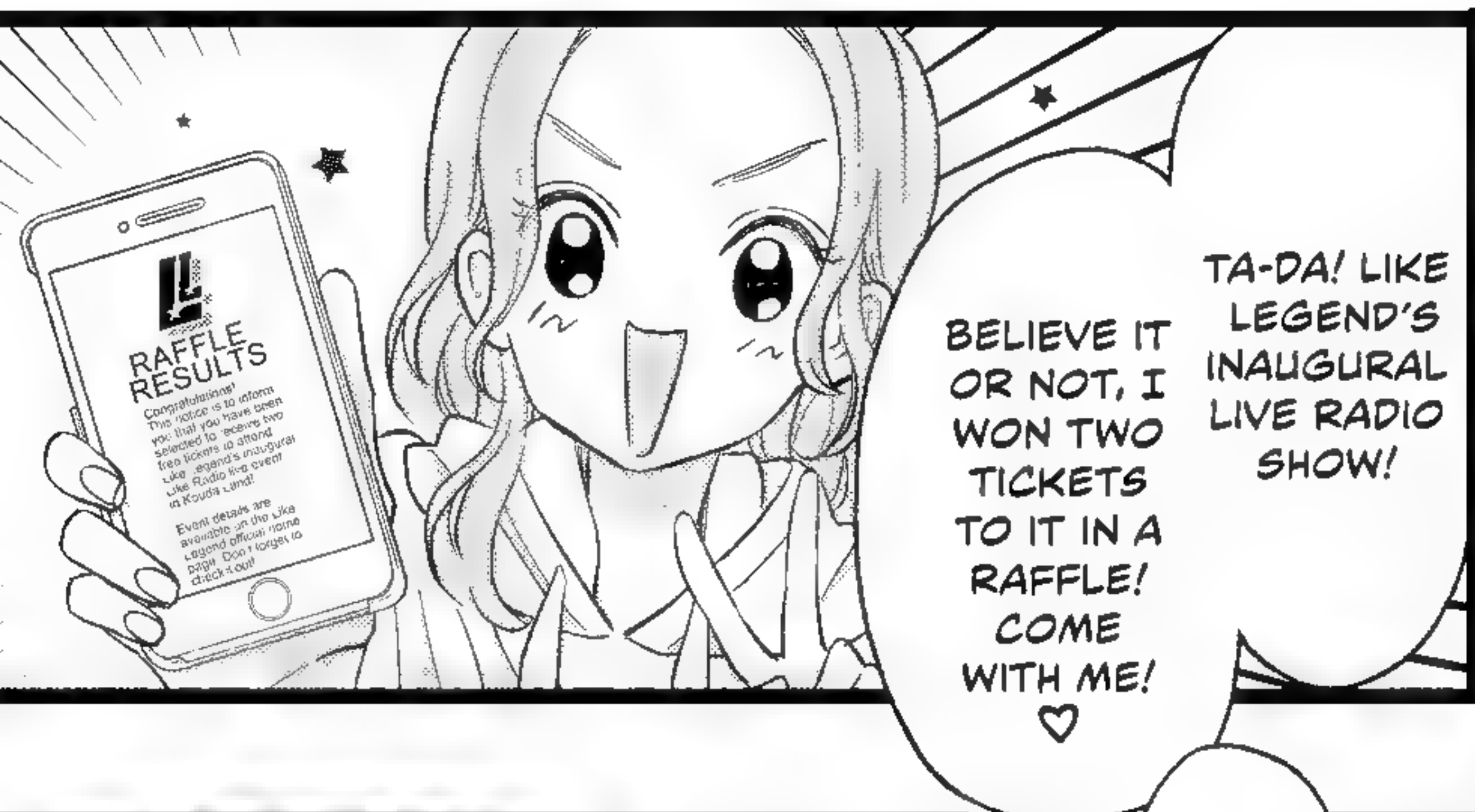
TUP

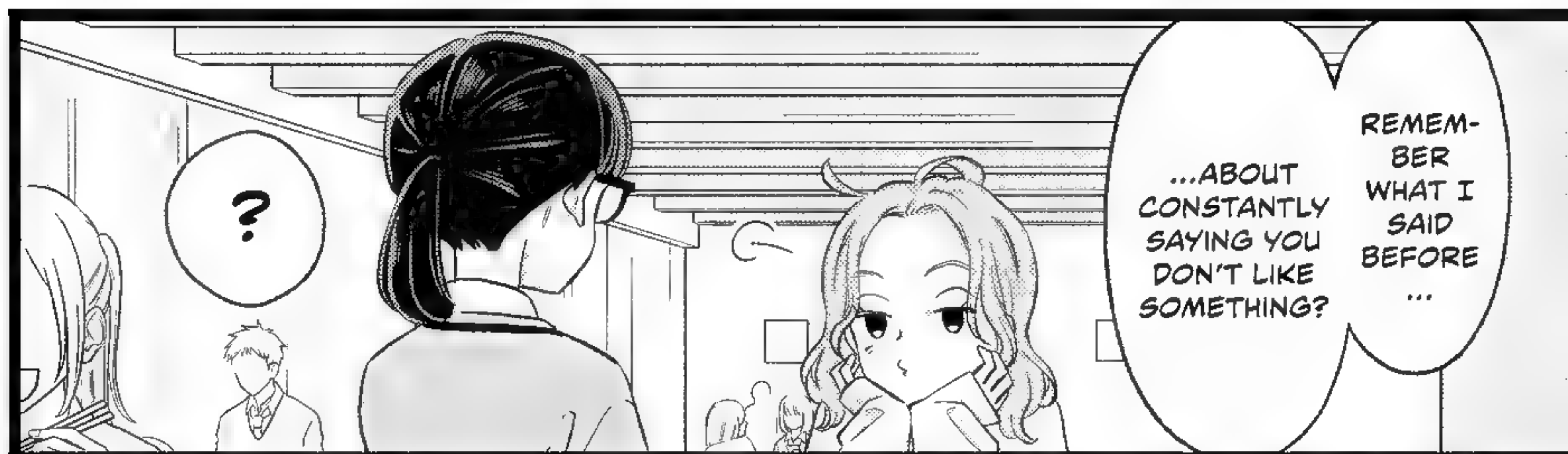
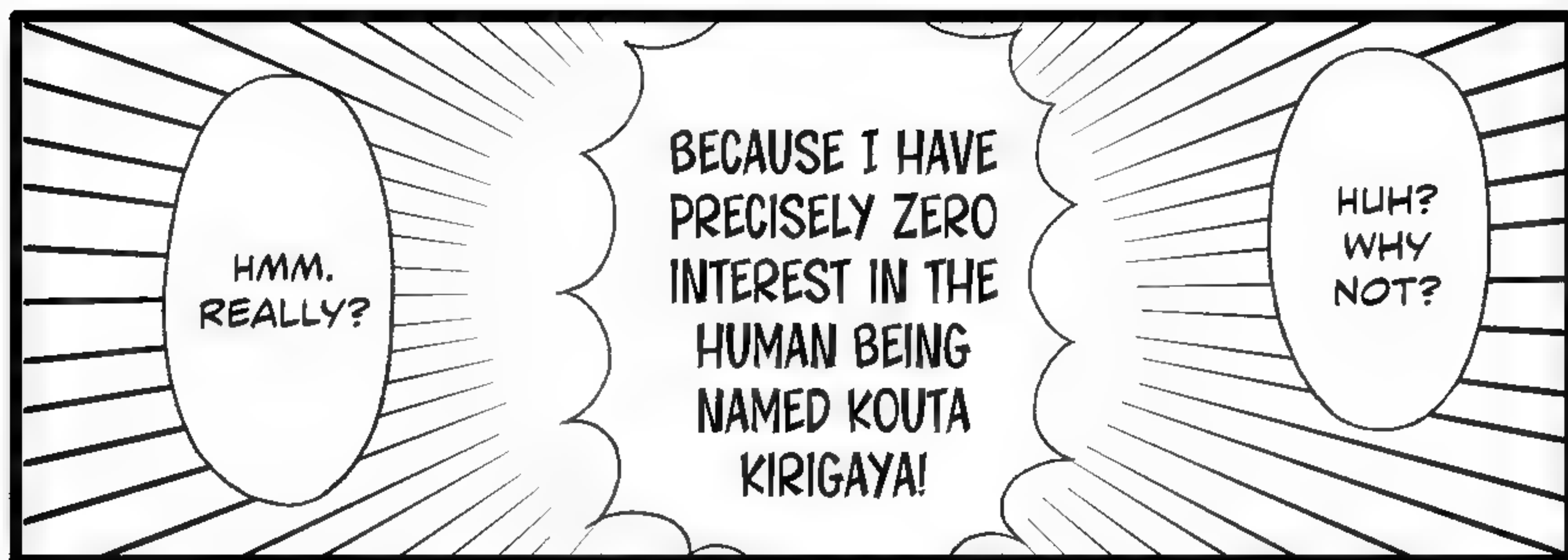
...I'LL
INTERACT
WITH HIM AS
LITTLE AS
POSSIBLE
FROM NOW
ON.

JUST
TO BE
ABSOLUTELY
CERTAIN...

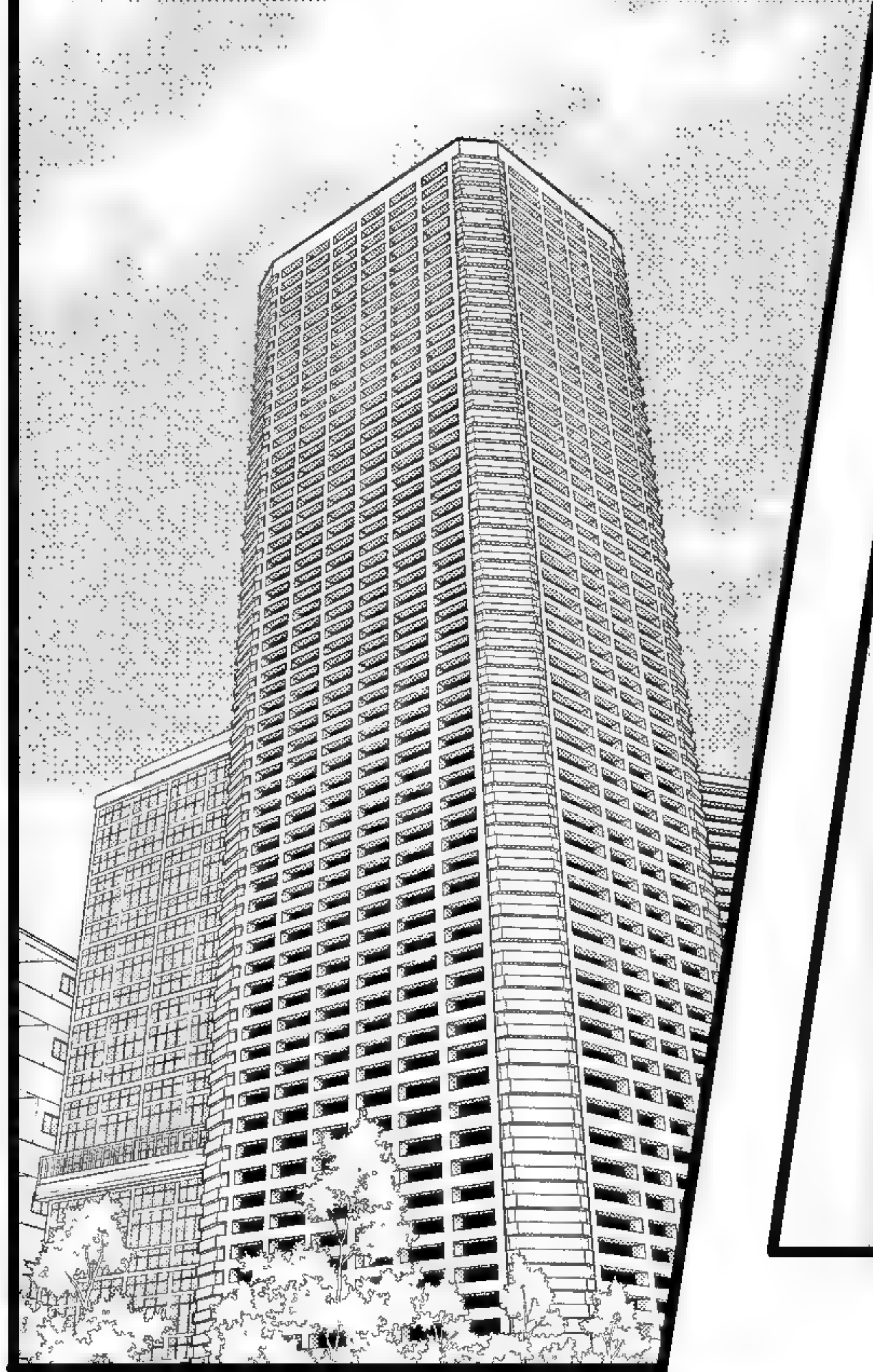
Even if he
comes to
the diner
again, I
won't talk
to him!

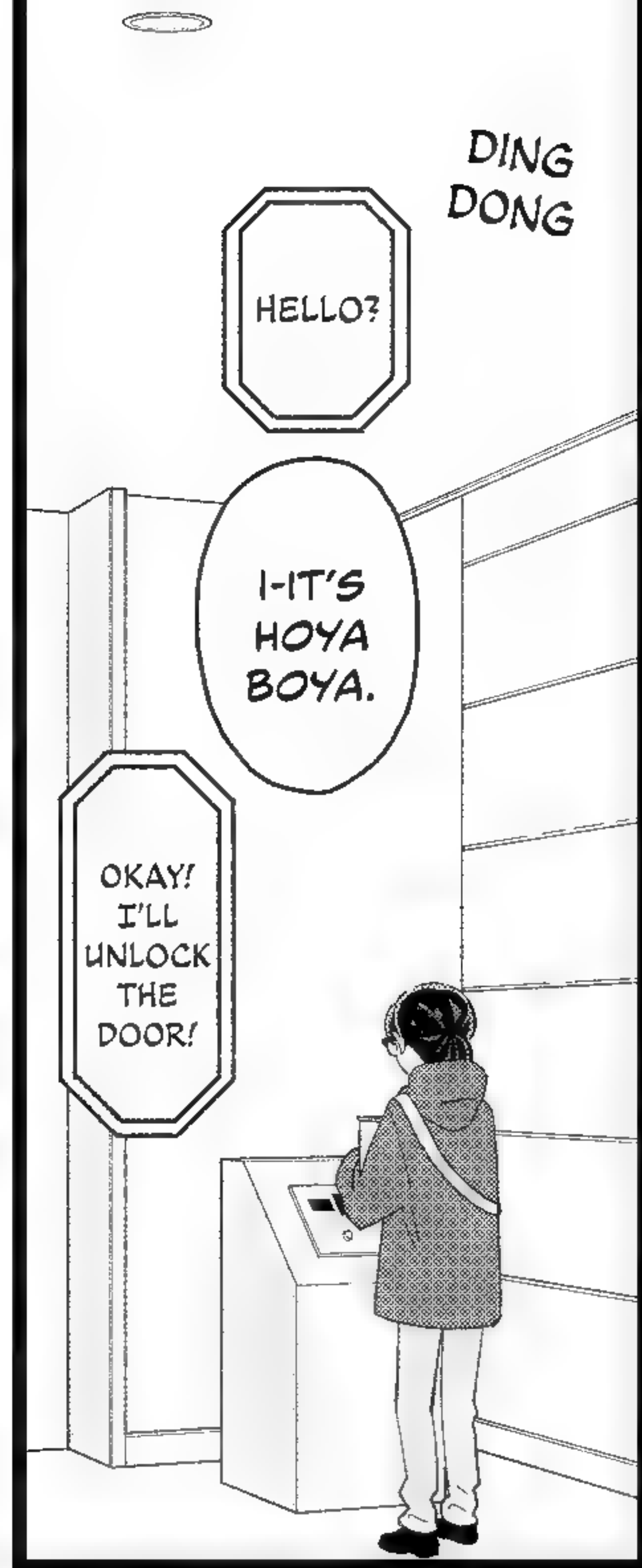














W
A
A
A
H
!

My
Food!!

SAHOKO'S SOUL

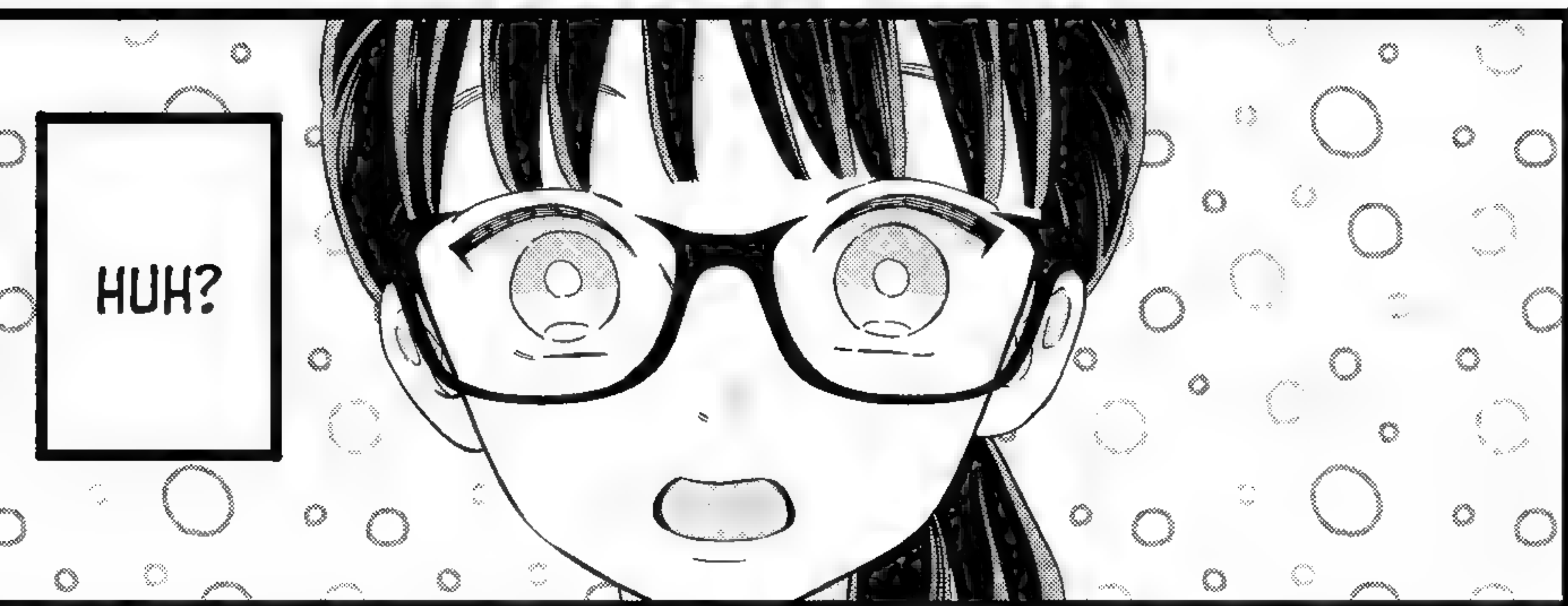


TOO!

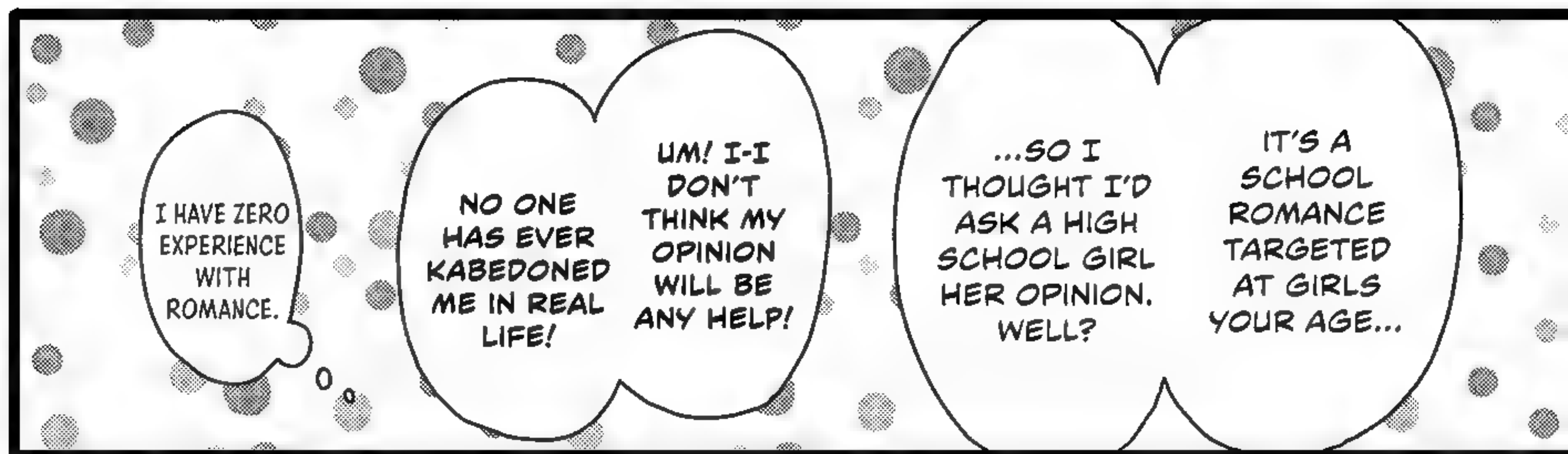
THANKS,
SAHOKO!

SPLAT















"ALIVE"
MEANS
SHE'S NOT
AFFECTED.

I'M STILL
FINE! I'M
ALIVE!

DIDN'T
THAT
FEEL
SCARY?

WELL?



He's acting.
It's impressive!!

HE'S TOTALLY
DIFFERENT
FROM BEFORE!

OOOH.



HA
HA.

HM?

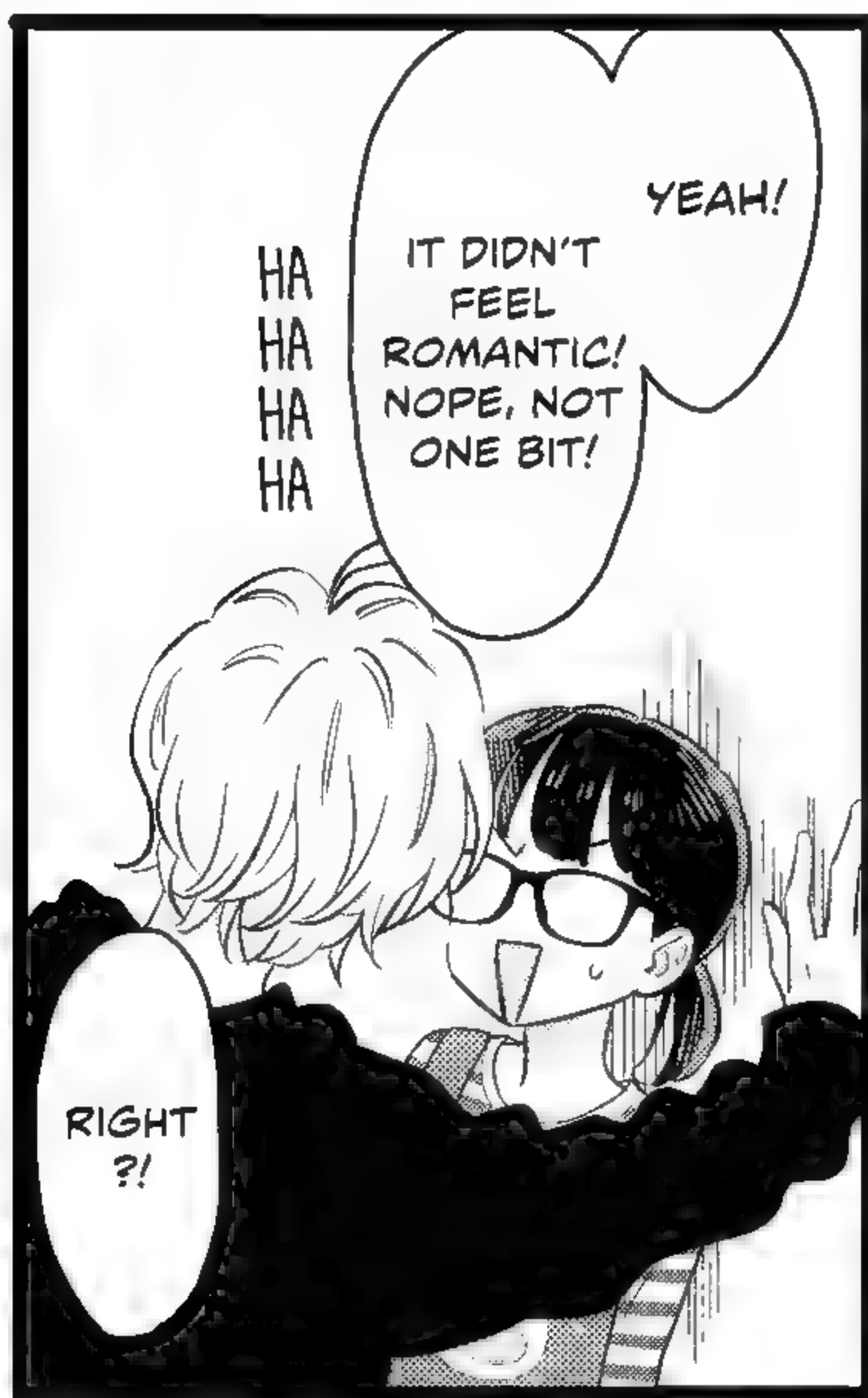
WHAT?

NOTH-
ING.



Good
work,
me!

YES!
I'M AMAZING.
I JUST GOT
KABEDONED BY
AN IDOL, AND I
DIDN'T FEEL A
THING!



HA
HA
HA
HA

IT DIDN'T
FEEL
ROMANTIC!
NOPE, NOT
ONE BIT!

YEAH!

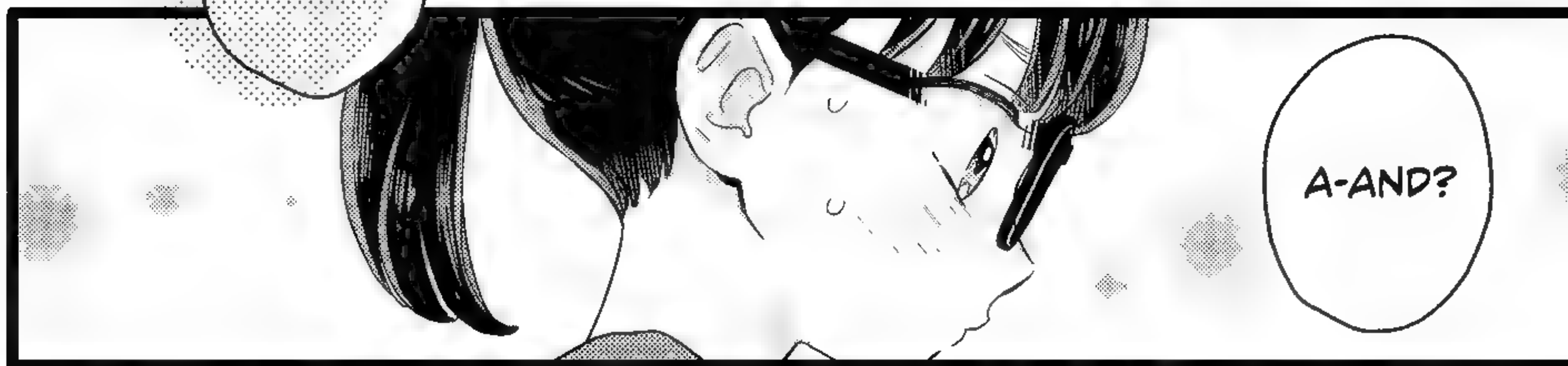
RIGHT
?!



...YOU
REALLY DO
FIT IN MY
ARMS
PERFECTLY.

IT'S
JUST,
LIKE
THIS...

?!



A-AND?



NOTHING.
I THINK
IT'S
CUTE.

HM?



I'M NOT
HOLDING
YOU HERE
EITHER.

WHY
HAVEN'T
YOU
TRIED TO
ESCAPE?

Huh?

I-I....!



HUH?
WHAT IS
GOING
ON HERE?

Is he
acting?!

?!





I CAN'T
BELIEVE
MYSELF.

I FORGOT
IT WAS AN
ACT AND
TOOK THAT
SERIOUSLY.

**G
L
O
O
M**

I'M
GOING
TO
CHECK
ON THE
STEW.

UGH!

PLUB

THAT
K-KABEDON
MADE MY
HEART SKIP
A BEAT.
CONGRATS.

DID THAT
KABEDON
MAKE
YOUR
HEART
FLUTTER?!

Huh?!

SAHO-
KO
?!
WAIT...

BUT THERE'S
NOTHING YOU
COULD EVER DO
TO MAKE MY
HEART FLUTTER
FOR YOU
PERSONALLY!



was happy to talk
talked together... had to
I realized I'd fallen in love with
This is the first time we ever
am very thankful I know th
hope we can still

Is that an honest-to-god
love letter from Wakaume?
Srsly? lololol

Oh hell no! Never in a
million years. lololol

SMH. Girl. Please.
You have no business
even dreaming.

I DON'T
EVER...

I CAN'T
BE THIS
STUPID!
I CAN'T!

GAAAH!!
QUIT IT!

GET IT
TOGETH-
ER!

PONK

PONK



THIS
LOOKS
AMAZING!
I CAN'T
WAIT TO
DIG IN!

OH
WOW!

...WANT
TO FEEL
LIKE THAT
AGAIN.



I'M NOT
THAT
GOOD.

I'm just
following
my mom's
recipes.

FUSH

YOU
COULD
OPEN A
RESTAU-
RANT,
SAHOKO!

Really!

MMM!
IT'S
DELI-
CIOUS!





ALL OF THEM?!

Even the ones you won't use?!

YEAH. BECAUSE I KNOW...

...EVEN IF WE CAN'T FEATURE ALL THE REQUESTS, I MIGHT STILL BE ABLE TO GIVE SOME QUICK ADVICE THAT COULD BE HELPFUL FOR OTHERS.



YOU'RE GOING TO READ THROUGH THAT WHOLE PILE IN ONE SHOW?

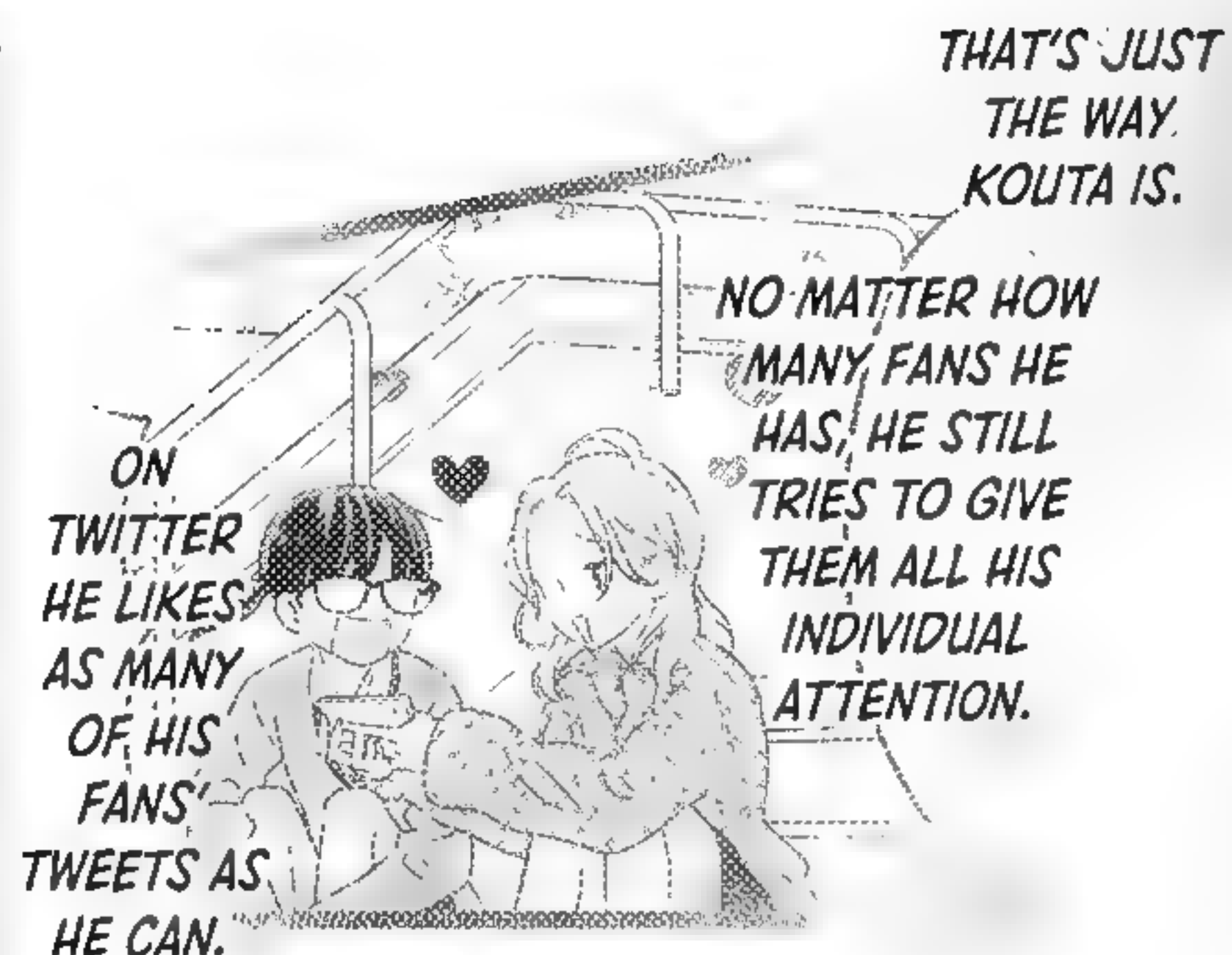
...BUT I WANT TO READ ALL OF THEM BEFOREHAND TO HAVE A GOOD GRASP OF WHAT'S IN THEM.

NOT ALL OF IT. WHILE WE'RE ON AIR, WE'LL PICK OUT A HANDFUL...



ARE YOU TRYING TO BE MORE POPULAR?

WHY GO THAT FAR?



THAT'S JUST THE WAY KOUTA IS.

ON TWITTER HE LIKES AS MANY OF HIS FANS' TWEETS AS HE CAN.

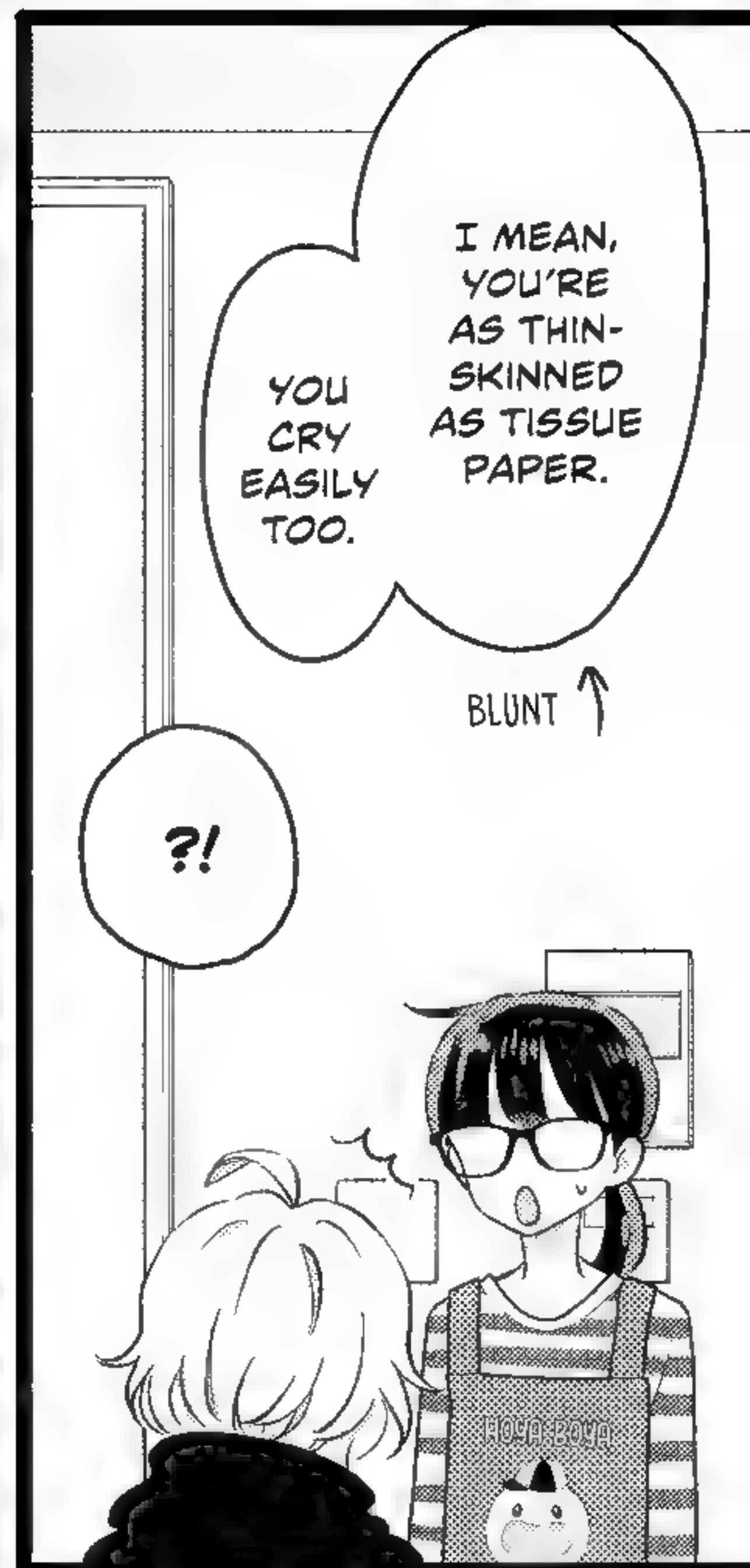
NO MATTER HOW MANY FANS HE HAS, HE STILL TRIES TO GIVE THEM ALL HIS INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION.



ISN'T IT
WISER TO
KEEP A
RESPECTFUL
DISTANCE?

GETTING
MORE
INVOLVED
ONLY
MEANS A
HIGHER
CHANCE
YOU'LL
GET
HURT.

YOUR FANS-
ANY FANS,
REALLY-ARE
MORE SELF-
INTERESTED
THAN YOU
THINK.



YOU
CRY
EASILY
TOO.

I MEAN,
YOU'RE
AS THIN-
SKINNED
AS TISSUE
PAPER.

BLUNT ↑

?!



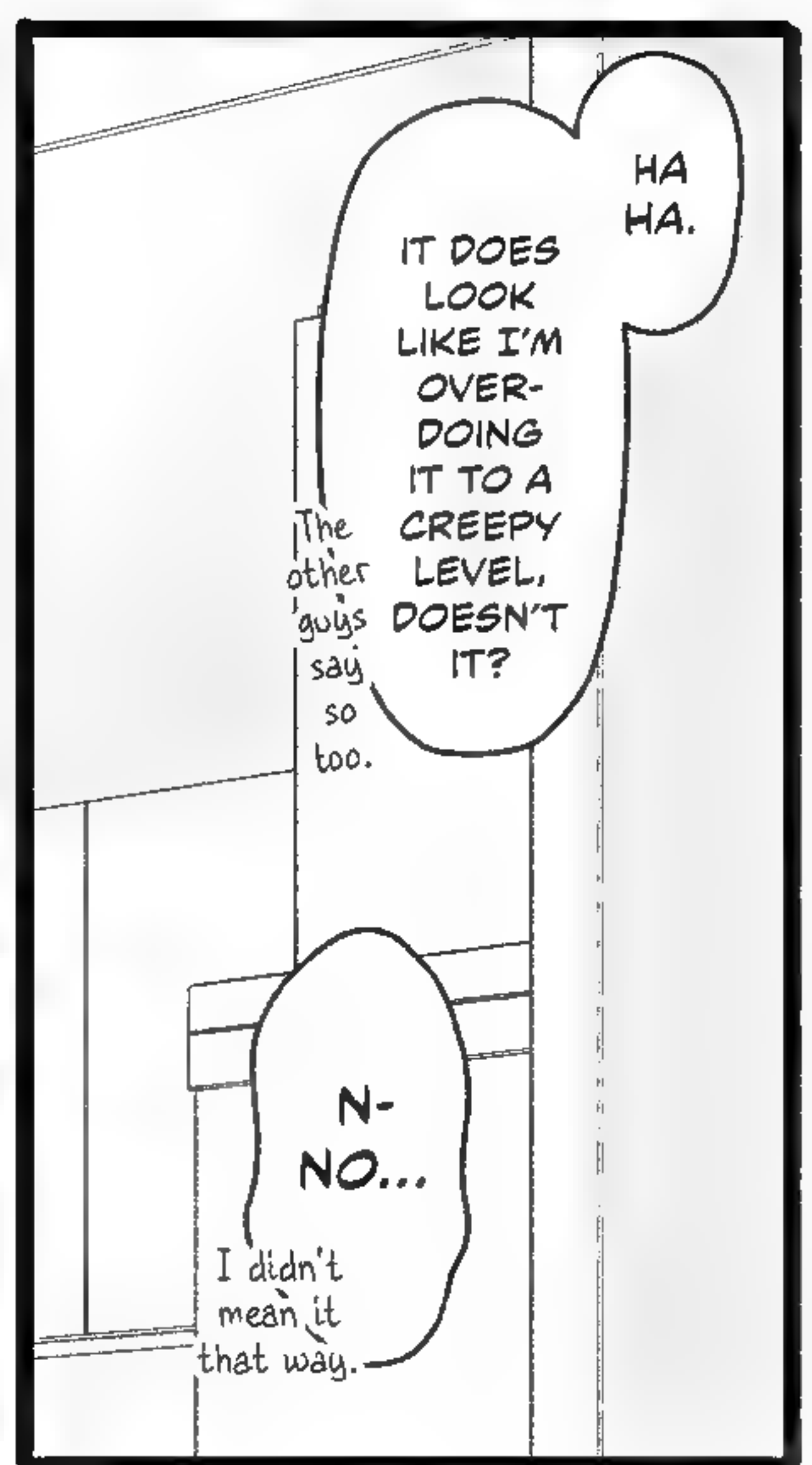
IT'S BE-
CAUSE
OF...

...SOME-
THING I
WAS TOLD
ONCE.

?



...



IT DOES
LOOK
LIKE I'M
OVER-
DOING
IT TO A
CREEPY
LEVEL,
DOESN'T
IT?

HA
HA.

The
other
guys
say
so
too.

N-
NO...

I didn't
mean it
that way.



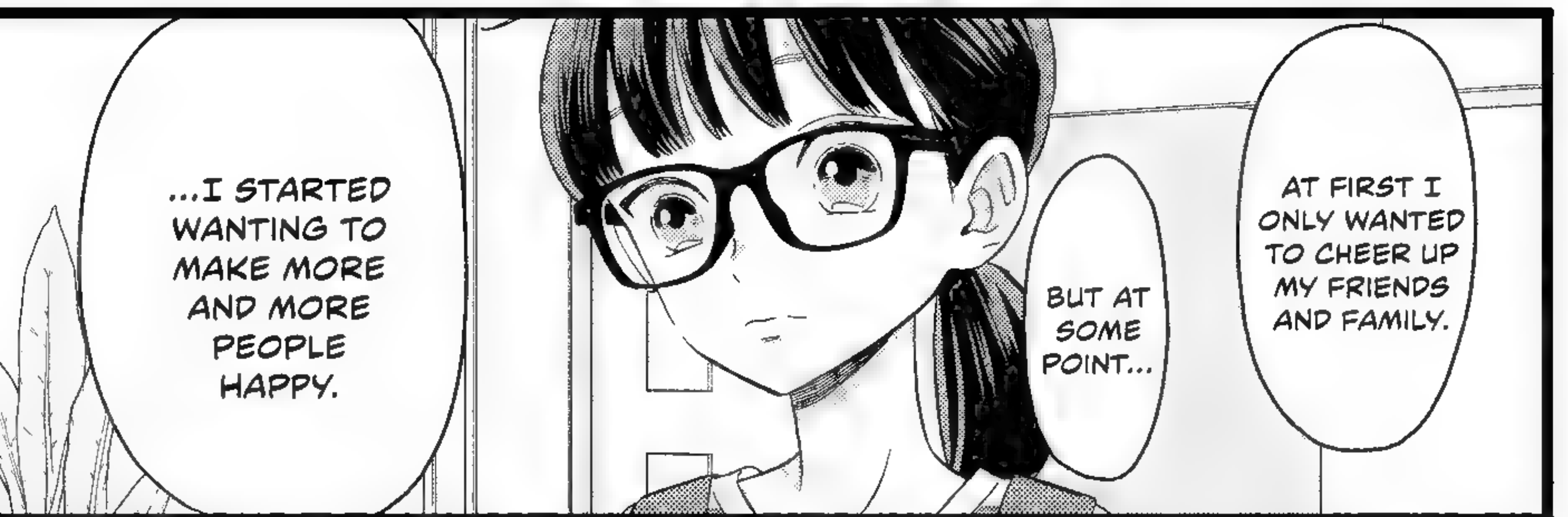
...AND
TO MAKE
EVERYTHING
SEEM THAT
MUCH
BRIGHTER.

SOMEONE
SAID I HAD
THE POWER
TO CHEER
PEOPLE
UP...



IT MADE
ME HAPPY
TO HEAR
IT.

I LIKED
THAT.



...I STARTED
WANTING TO
MAKE MORE
AND MORE
PEOPLE
HAPPY.

BUT AT
SOME
POINT...

AT FIRST I
ONLY WANTED
TO CHEER UP
MY FRIENDS
AND FAMILY.



...IS WHAT
I WANTED
BEFORE I
BECAME
AN IDOL-
TO MAKE
PEOPLE
SMILE.

IN THE
END,
ALL I
WANT...

I'M NOT
DOING THIS
FOR THE
FAME OR
FORTUNE.



I DON'T
THINK IT'S
POSSIBLE
TO OVERDO
IT.

AND IF I
GET HURT,
SO BE IT.



I WISH
YOU LUCK!

W-WOW.
THAT'S
VERY
ADMIRA-
BLE.



GREAT.

AH, SURE.
THANKS
FOR
EVERY-
THING!

Take
care!

♡

UM...

I SHOULD
PROBABLY
GO HOME.
GOODBYE!



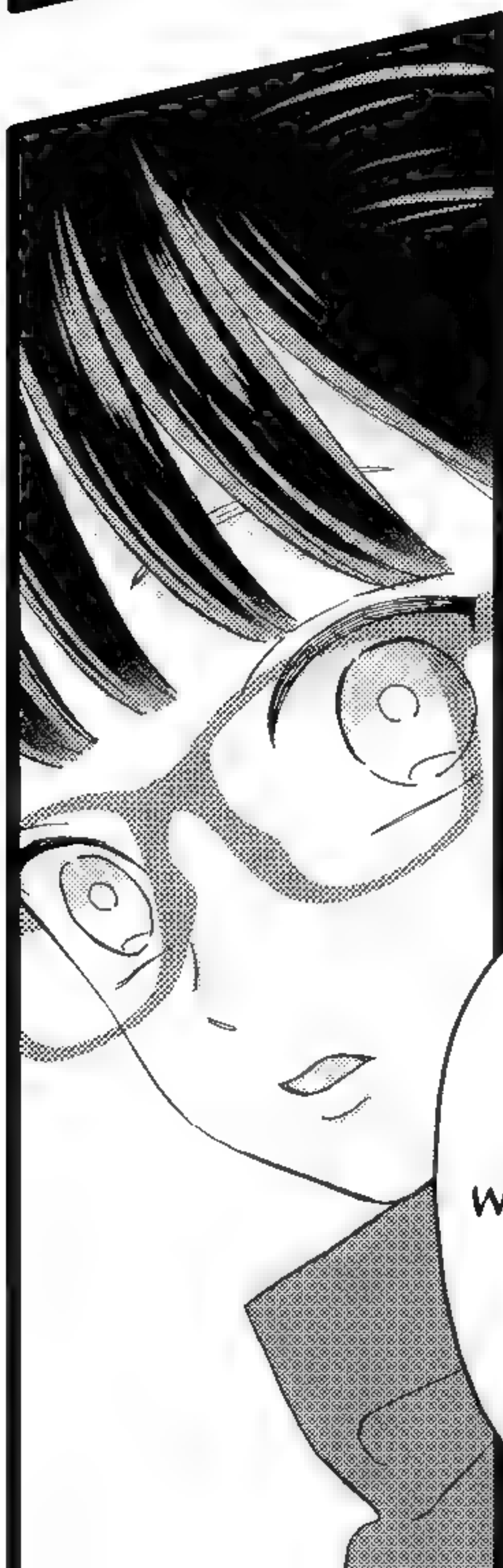


...AM I
MAKING
THESE
EXCUSES?

ONLY
Wireless
Headphones

There's
something
I wish
you could
hear.

JUST TO
WHOM...



WAKAUME?



WHAT AM I
TRYING SO
HARD TO
PROTECT?

HUH?



WHY?
WHAT
AM I
DOING?

I'M ALWAYS
SETTING
BOUNDARIES
AND DRAWING
LINES IN THE
SAND.



YOU
HAVEN'T
CHANGED
A BIT!

Those
glasses!
Ha ha.



Aha!

IT
REALLY
IS YOU!



REALLY?

HER?
SHE
WROTE
IT?



WHO'S
THAT?

Um...
HI.

IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE.

IT WAS
FROM
HER!
HA HA
HA!

REMEMBER
HOW I TOLD
YOU I GOT THAT
SUPER-EARNEST
LOVE LETTER
IN MIDDLE
SCHOOL?

THIS IS
WHY...

I KNOW,
OKAY?
I KNOW.

NO...
STOP.

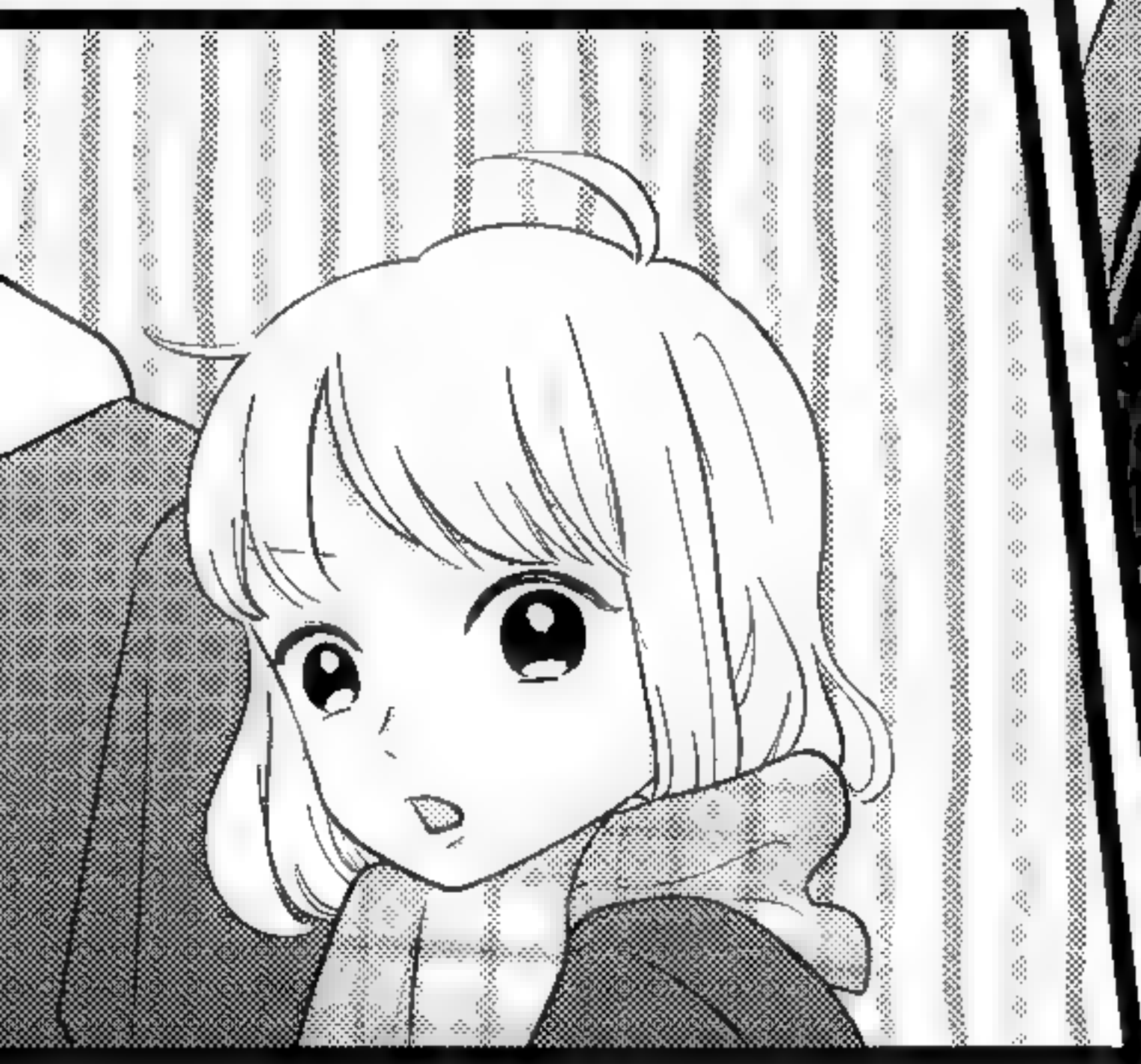
SAHOKO!
SWEETIE!

...I
SWORE
TO NEVER
FALL IN
LOVE...

SORRY
TO
MAKE
YOU
WAIT.

HEH





HE'S-

SHH.
IT'S OUR
SECRET,
OKAY?
♡







GAH!
"KOUTA
KIRIGAYA
SIGHTING IN
SHINJUKU"
IS POPPING
UP EVERY-
WHERE!

RELAX.
IT'S NOT
LIKE WE DID
ANYTHING
BAD. DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT IT!

It'll be
fine!

SOME PEOPLE
ARE SAYING
YOU VANISHED
INTO A LOVE
HOTEL WITH A
MODEL! NOW
WHAT?!

They
think I'm
a model?!
Are they
blind?!



*FRANTIC
SELF-
GOOGLING

TP
TP
TP
TP
TP
TP
TP
TP

YOU
EXPOSED
YOUR
IDENTITY
IN THAT
HUGE
CROWD!

I WAS
TRYING
TO MAKE
SURE NO
ONE GOT
A GOOD
LOOK
AT YOU.


SORRY!

AND YOU
LEANED
SO
CLOSE
TO ME!

It was
practically
a hug!

WELL, I
WANTED TO
SURPRISE
YOU.

Hah!



SAHOKO!

A
SQUEAKY-
CLEAN
PUBLIC
IMAGE IS
VITAL FOR
IDOLS!

OH, I'LL
WORRY
ABOUT
IT! YOU
SHOULD
TO!



...I
WOULD'VE
QUIT BEING
AN IDOL
AGES AGO.

IF I
COULDN'T
RUN TO
HELP YOU
WHEN
YOU'RE
ON THE
VERGE OF
TEARS...

I TOLD
YOU WHY
I'M AN
IDOL,
RIGHT?



I'M FULLY
AWARE
OF WHAT
I'M DOING.
DON'T WORRY
SO MUCH.

...



SAHOKO.

...



WOW,
ARE YOU A
HORRIBLE
JUDGE OF
GUYS! I'M
SHOCKED!

THAT
ASIDE...

That one
was such
a loser!

UH-!

CAN'T
RETORT



THIS IS SO
UNFAIR.

HOW AM I
SUPPOSED
TO NOT FALL
FOR HIM?



FEELING
A LITTLE
BETTER?





SOMETIMES
YOUR HEART
JUST TELLS
YOU, "HEY!
YOU'RE IN
LOVE!"


YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
CHOOSE
TO LOVE
SOMEONE.



THE
HECK
WITH
IT.

HE'S
RIGHT.

YEAH.



I'M OKAY
WITH
GETTING
HURT.

IT'S NOT
LIKE I CAN
AVOID IT
ANYWAY.

WHAT LIES
BEYOND
THE DOOM
FLAGS?!
READ ON
TO FIND
OUT!

SPLASH
TEXT BY
SAHOKO

...IS
APPARENTLY
A GORGEOUS
J-POP IDOL.

MY
SPECIAL
ONE...

Chapter 3



My Special One



SOMETIMES
YOUR HEART
JUST TELLS
YOU, "HEY!
YOU'RE IN
LOVE!"

YOU
DON'T
HAVE TO
CHOOSE
TO LOVE
SOMEONE.

I'VE FALLEN
IN LOVE WITH
A NATIONALLY
FAMOUS
J-POP IDOL.

...EXACTLY.
RIGHT.

HE'S...





B-BMP

MM?
DID I
JUST
SAY
SOME-
THING?

B-BMP

AAAAAAH!
THAT
SURPRISED
ME!

B-BMP

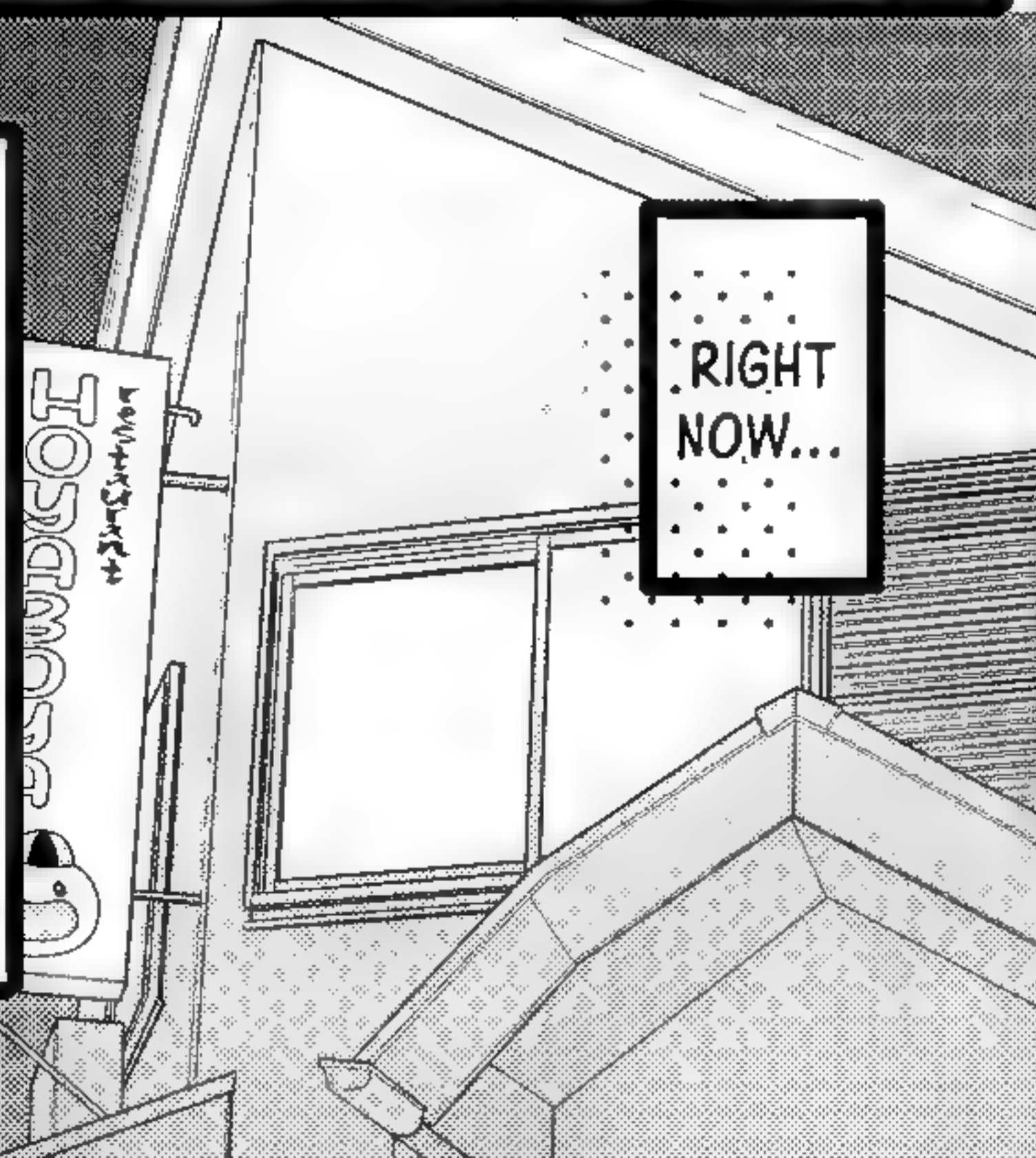
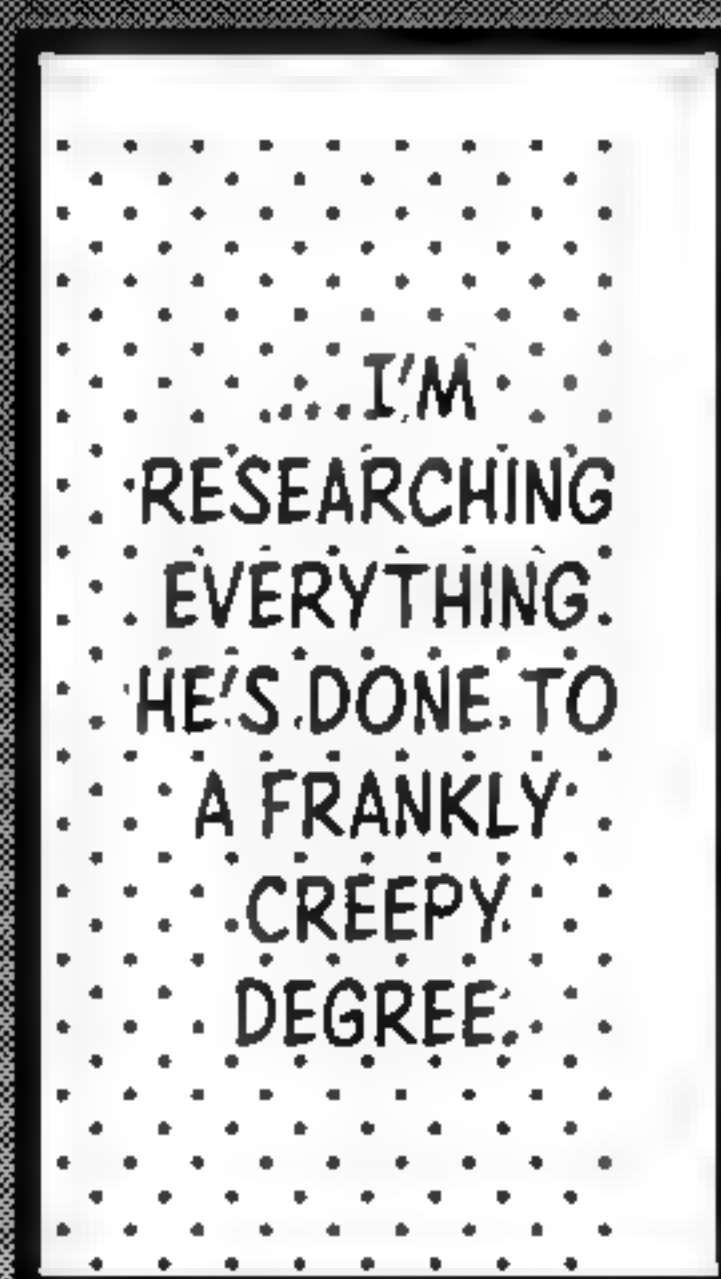
B-BMP

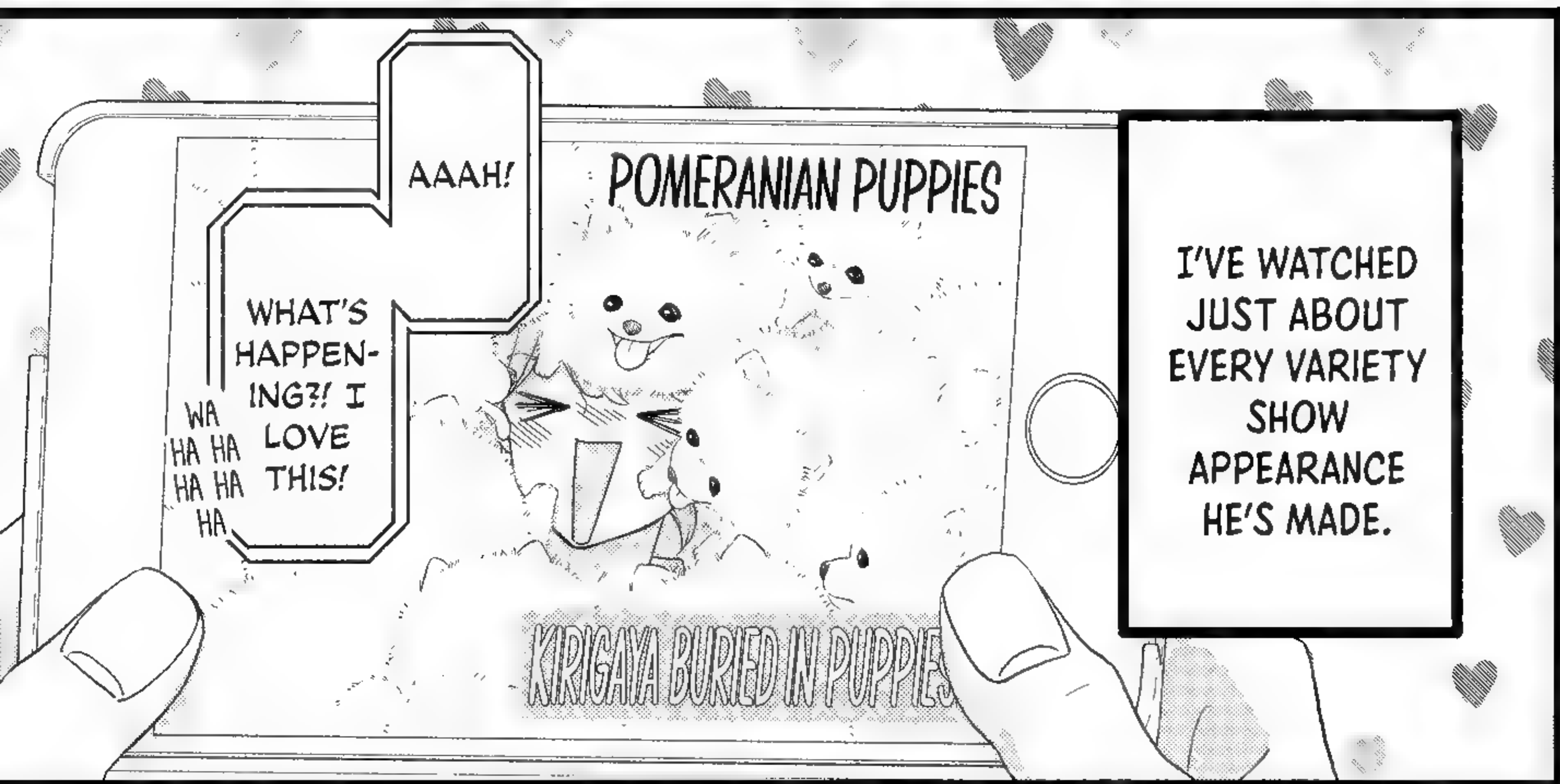
HE'S
RIDICULOUSLY
CUTE WHEN
HE'S ONLY
HALF-AWAKE.

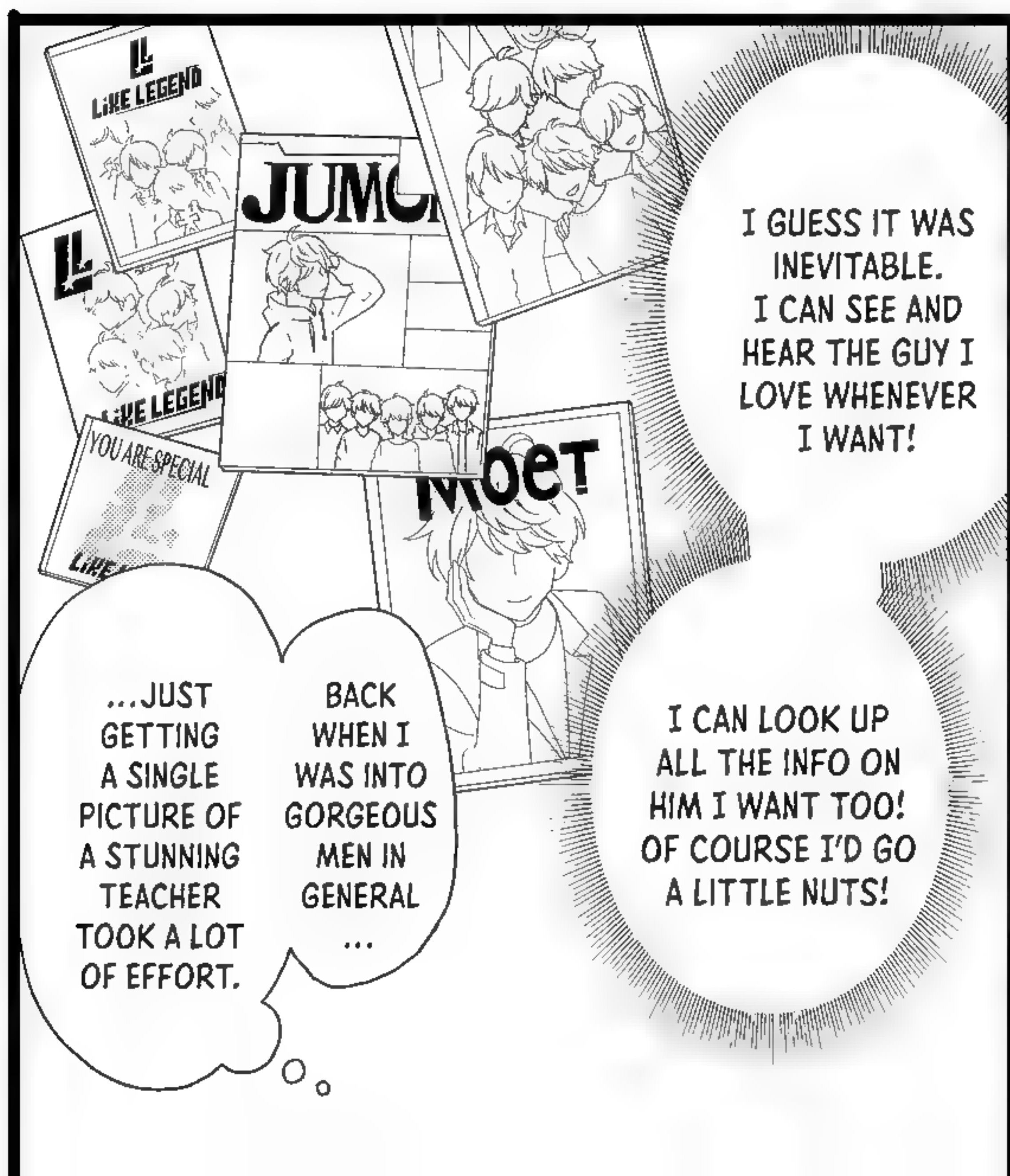


OKAY.

LET'S
BEGIN THE
OPERATION.







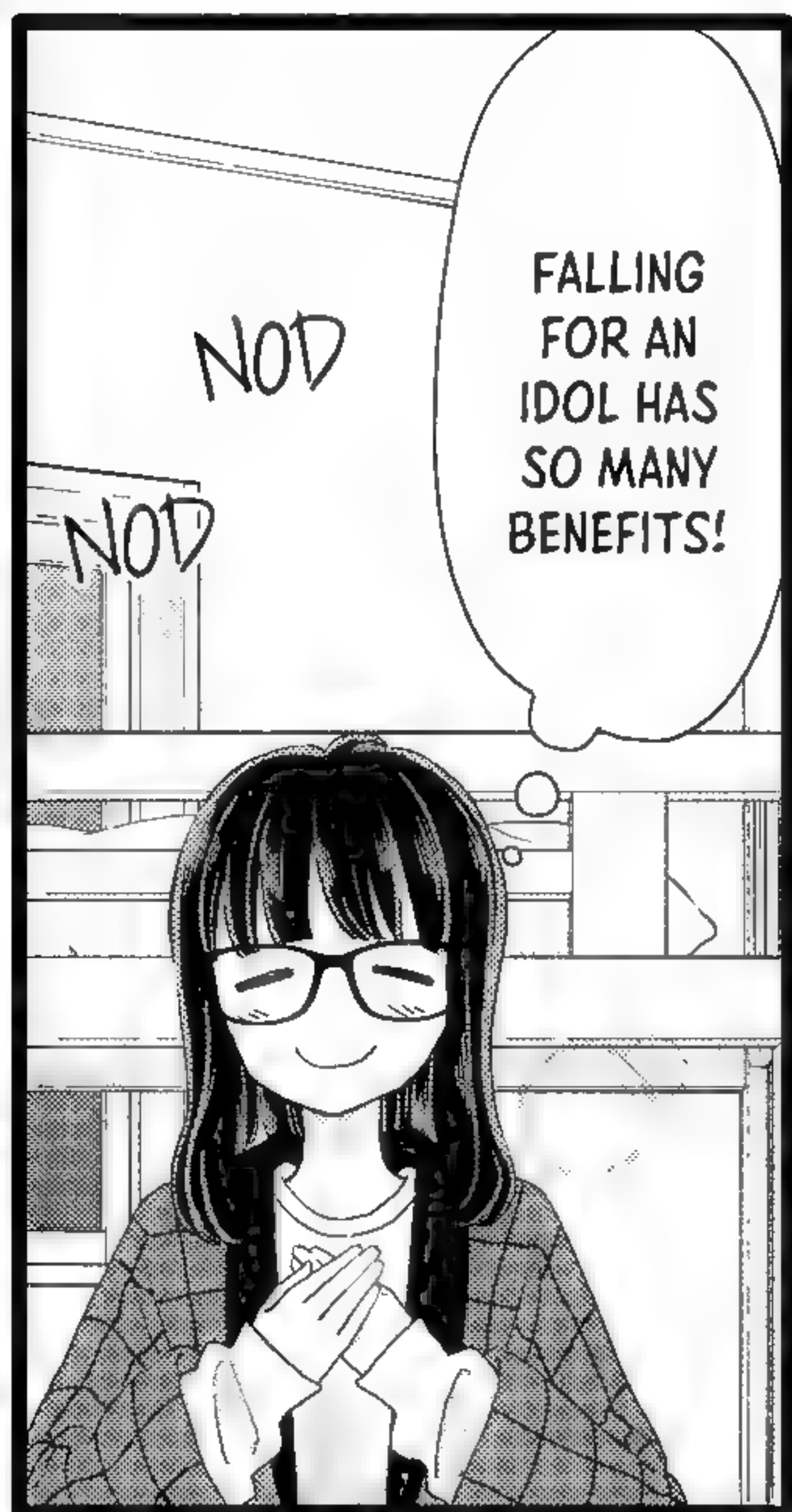


NOT THAT
I'LL EVER
BREATHE A
WORD OF
THIS TO
ANYONE.

I WILL NEVER
AGAIN MAKE
THE SILLY
MISTAKE OF
SENDING OUT
LOVE LETTERS
AT THE DROP
OF A HAT.

SHFF

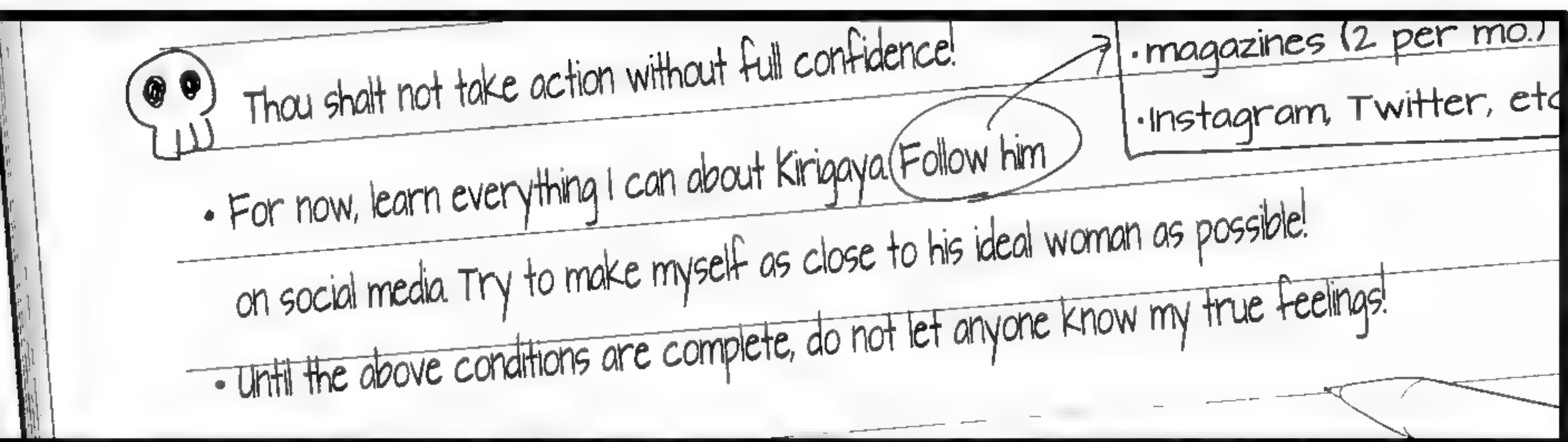
IRONGLAD PRECE



NOT

NOT

FALLING
FOR AN
IDOL HAS
SO MANY
BENEFITS!



Thou shalt not take action without full confidence!

• For now, learn everything I can about Kirigaya. (Follow him)

on social media. Try to make myself as close to his ideal woman as possible!

• Until the above conditions are complete, do not let anyone know my true feelings!

• magazines (2 per mo.)
• Instagram, Twitter, etc



AND IF HE
ALREADY
HAS A
GIRL-
FRIEND...
I'LL JUST
PRAY HE
DOESN'T!


HOP IUM

UNTIL I HAVE
ENOUGH, I'LL
DO NOTHING
BUT WATCH HIM
FROM AFAR.

FOR NOW,
I HAVE TO
BUILD MY
CONFIDENCE!

EVEN I
KNOW HOW
CRINGEWORTHY
THAT IS. JUST
THINKING ABOUT
IT EMBARRASSES
ME.

A MOUSY,
INTROVERTED
HIGH SCHOOL
GIRL WITH
A SERIOUS
CRUSH ON AN
IDOL?



IT'S PRACTICALLY
A MIRACLE THAT I
FOUND IT IN ME TO
LOVE AGAIN IN THE
FIRST PLACE!

DON'T
PANIC!
THERE'S
NO
RUSH.



OOH!
OOH!
SAHOKO,
LOOK!

I'M
ALREADY
IN A LUCKY
POSITION
AS IT IS.

BESIDES...



Cover
Kouta Kirigaya
effortless sex appeal

man-man

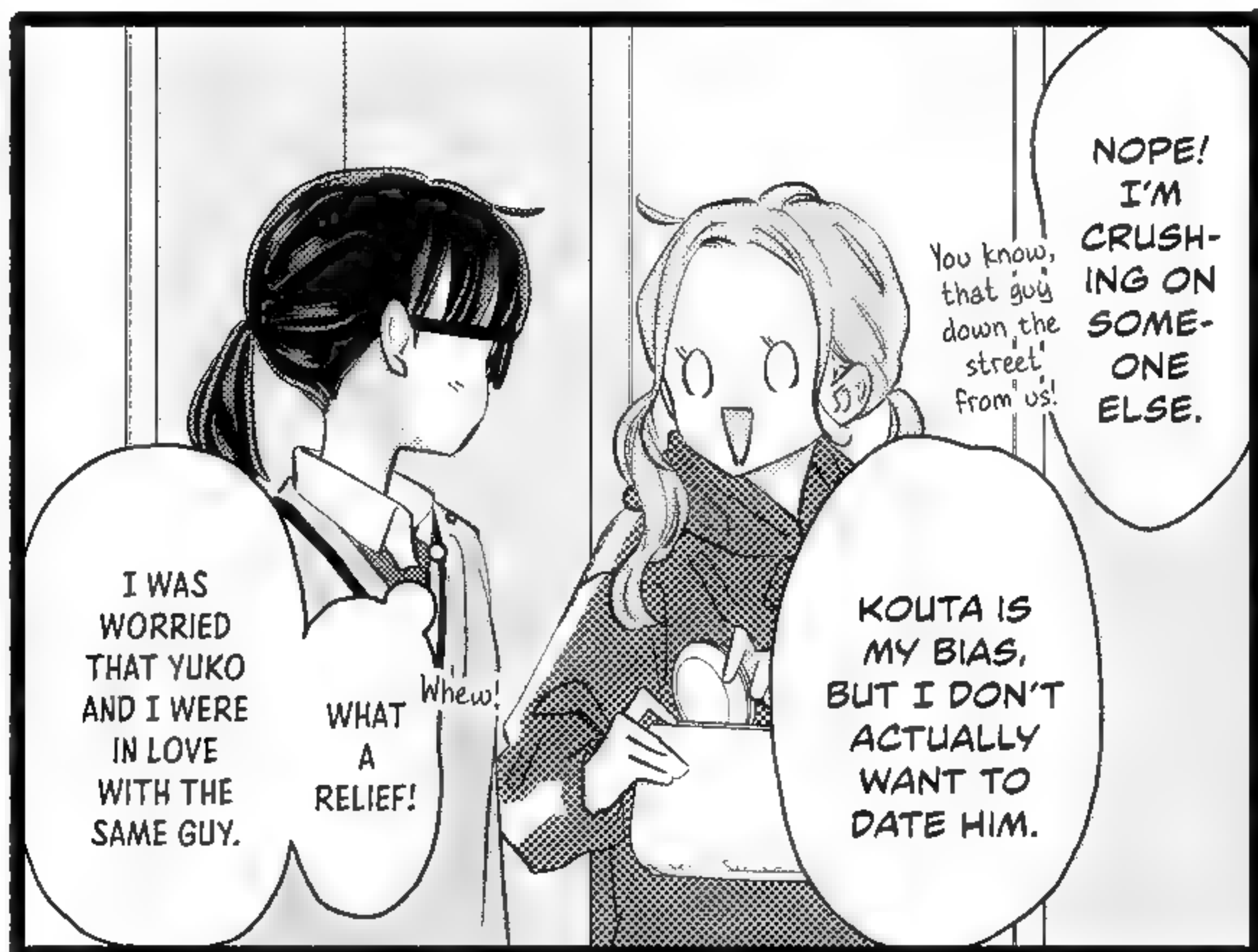
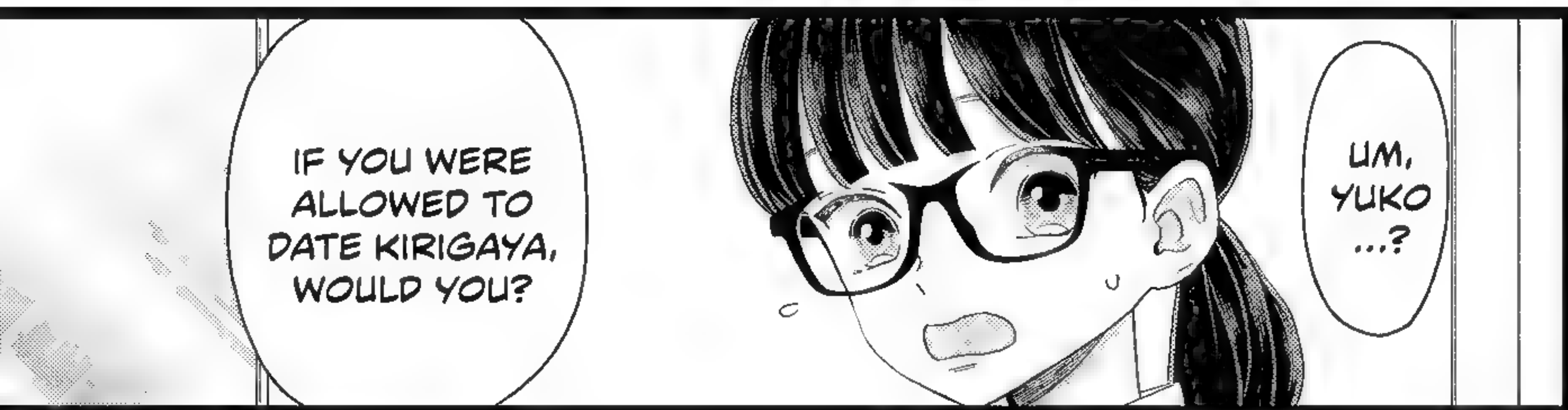
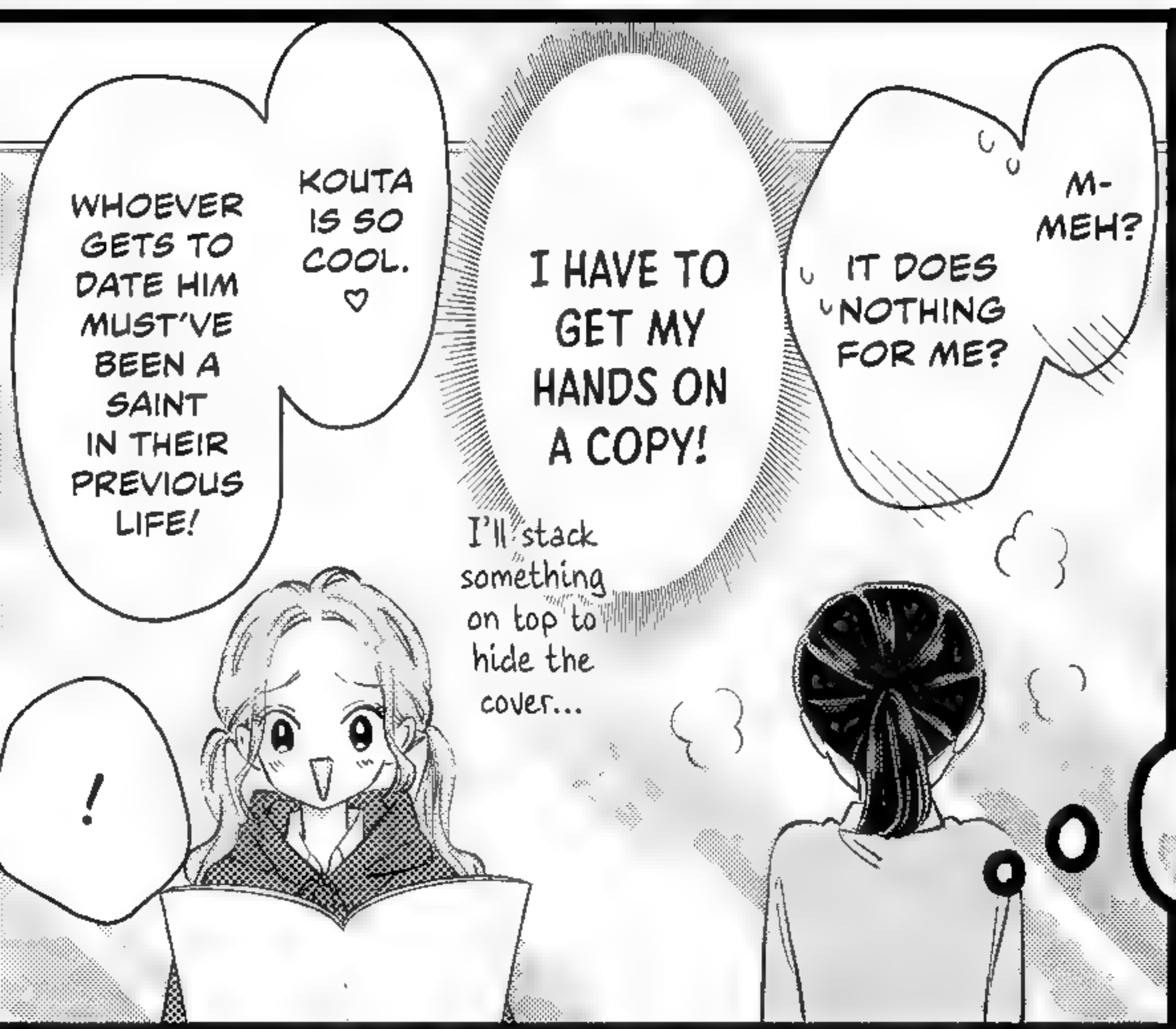
May I drown in you?

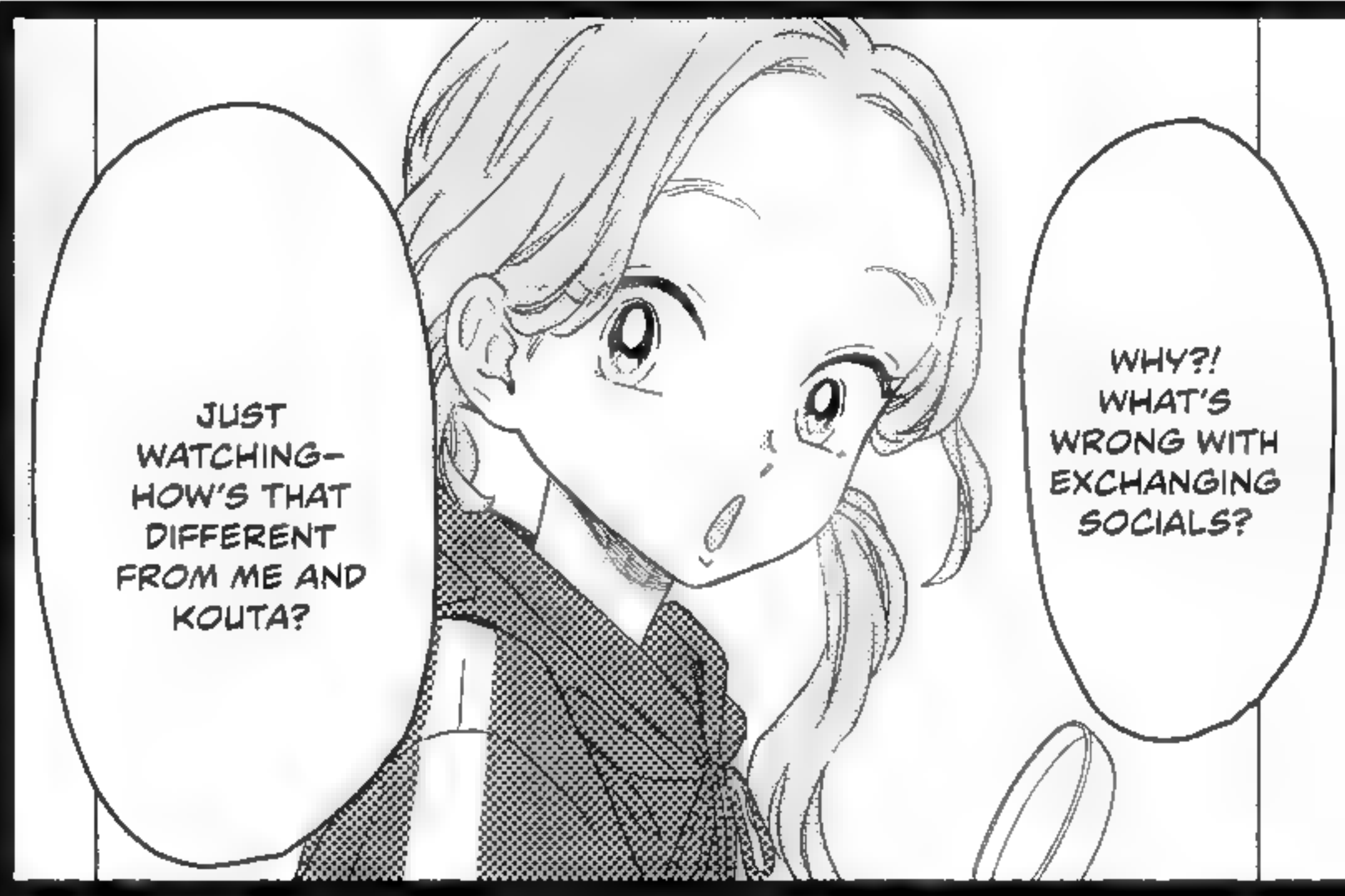
**A
Man's
Body**

The Qualities of Cool

DOESN'T
KOUTA
LOOK
SEXY?!
THIS WAS
THE LAST
COPY AT
THE MINI-
MART.

I JUST
HAD TO
BUY IT!







WHOA
WHOA
WHOA
WHOA!!

JUST
IMAGINING
STUFF LIKE
K-KISSING
IS WAY TOO
PRESUMPTU-
OUS!

She
said!



DOESN'T
SHE WANT
TO BE HIS
GIRLFRIEND
AND KISS
HIM AND
STUFF?

Really?
IT'S NOT
AS IF I'M
SUPER-
CONFIDENT
EITHER,
BUT BEING
PASSIVE?
NO WAY.



GOOD
POINT.

I
GET
IT.

I GUESS I
AM JUST
ANOTHER
KOUTA
KIRIGAYA
FAN.



...SHE'S NO
DIFFERENT
FROM YOUR
AVERAGE
IDOL FAN.

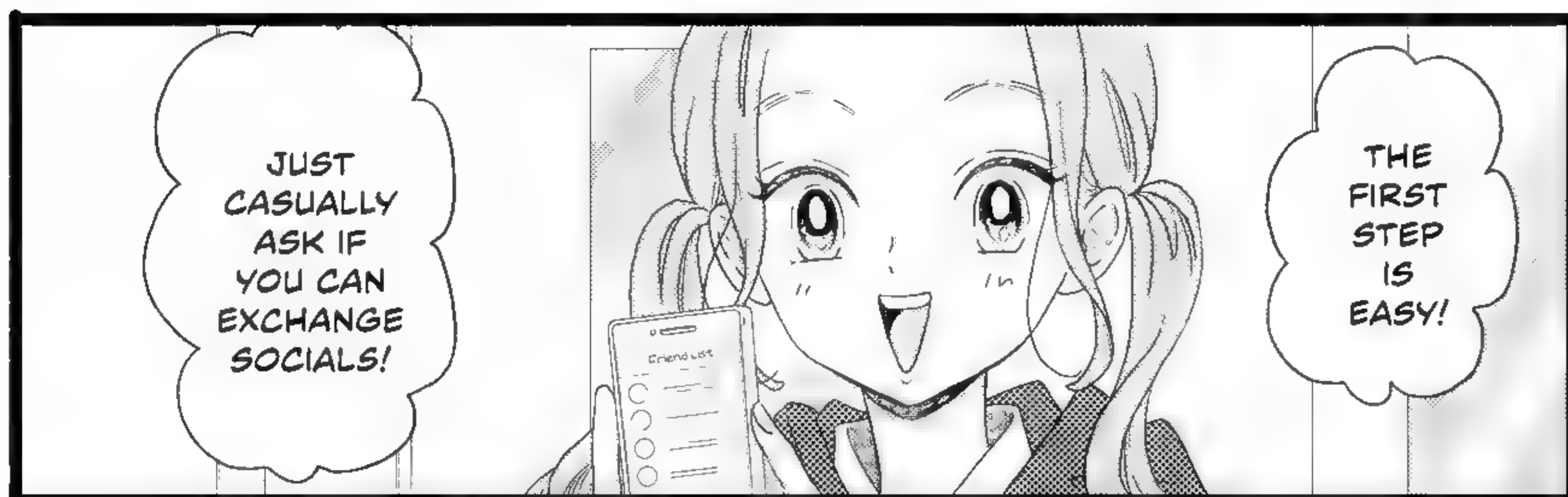
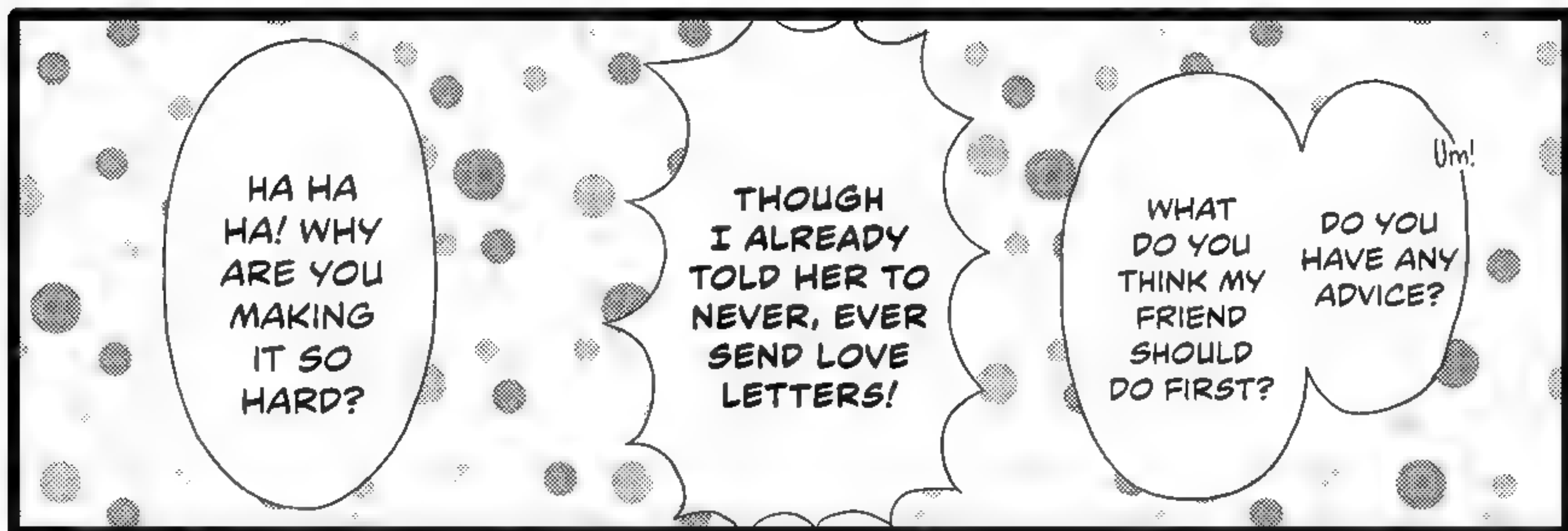
AS LONG
AS SHE'S
BOTTLING
UP HER
FEELINGS...



HM.

TELL
HER SHE
WON'T GET
ANYWHERE
BY JUST
WATCHING.

...!



AM I REALLY
STUCK BEING
NO DIFFERENT
FROM A
NORMAL
FAN?

THERE'S A
WORLD OF
DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN ASKING
BECAUSE OF A
DELIVERY AND
ASKING FOR
PERSONAL
REASONS!

NO.
I STILL
CAN'T.
I JUST
CAN'T.

I DIDN'T
BECOME A
FAN OF HIS
THOUGH.

I'M
HOME.

HOYA
BOYA

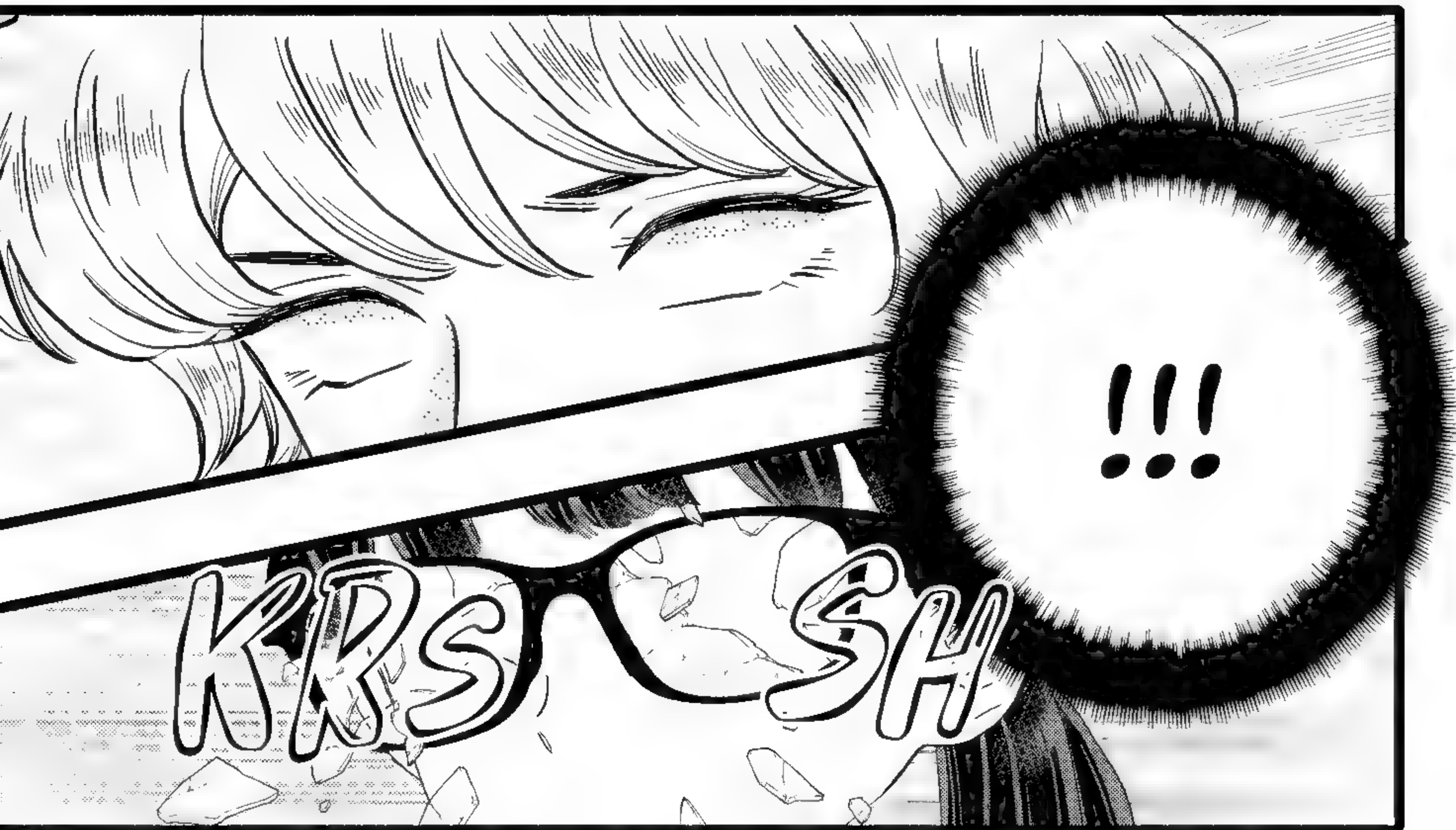
SAHO!
HI!

I FELL
IN LOVE.

AH!
WELCOME
HOME,
SAHOKO.

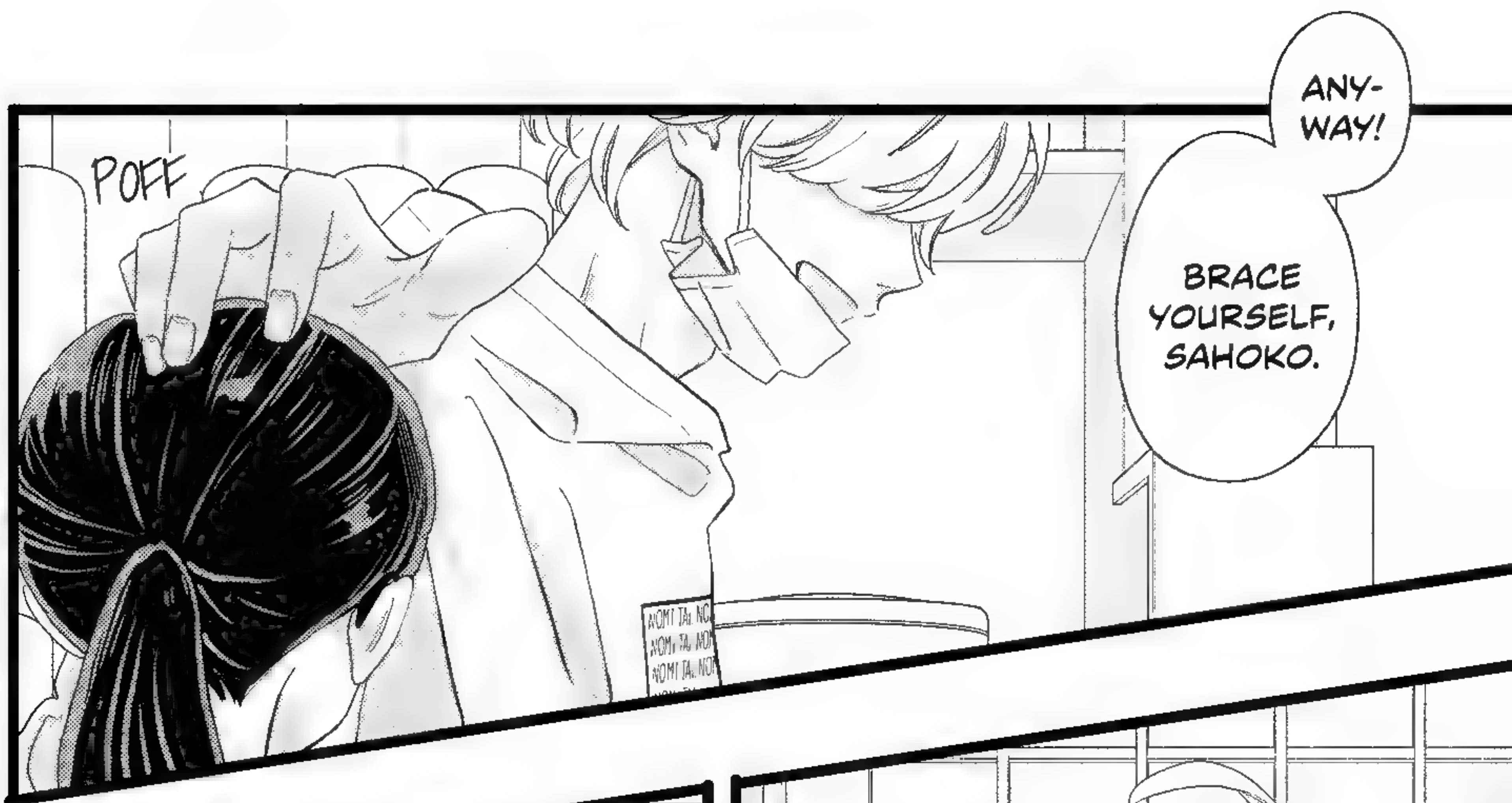
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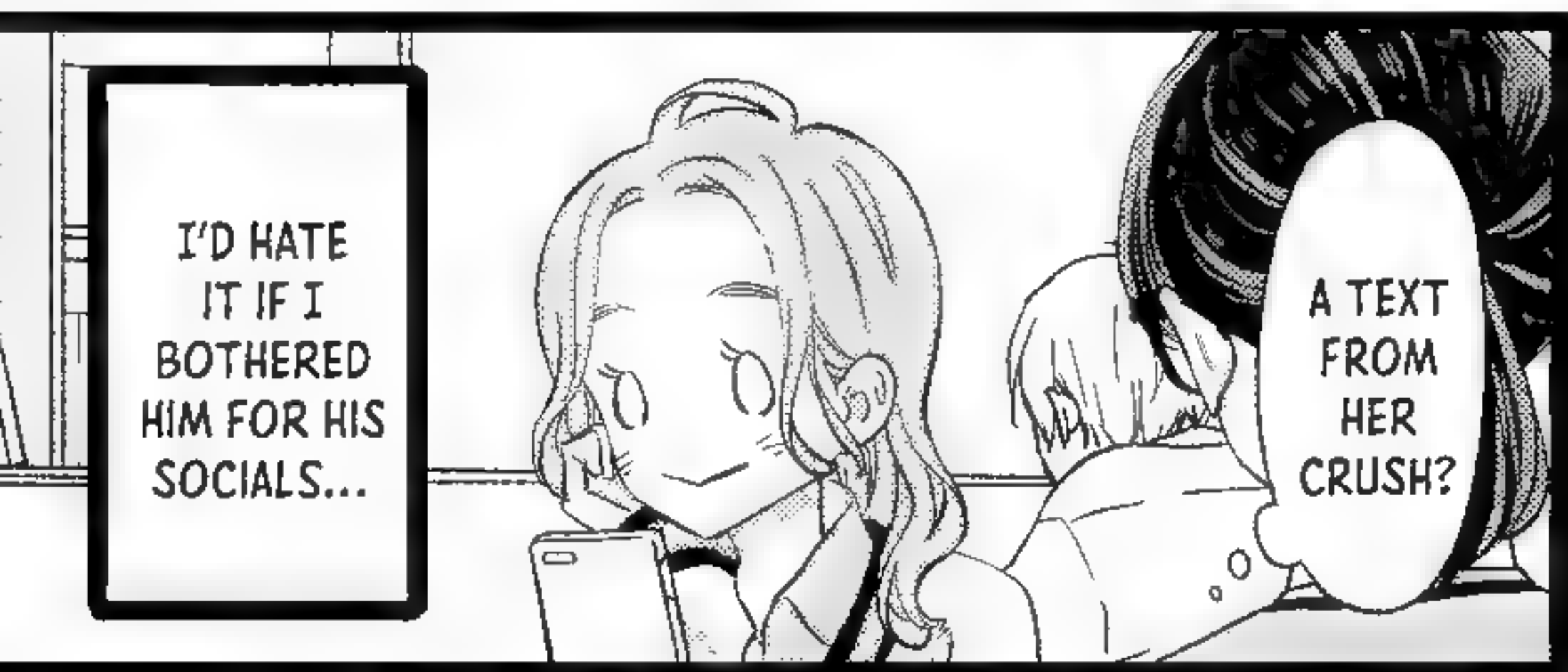
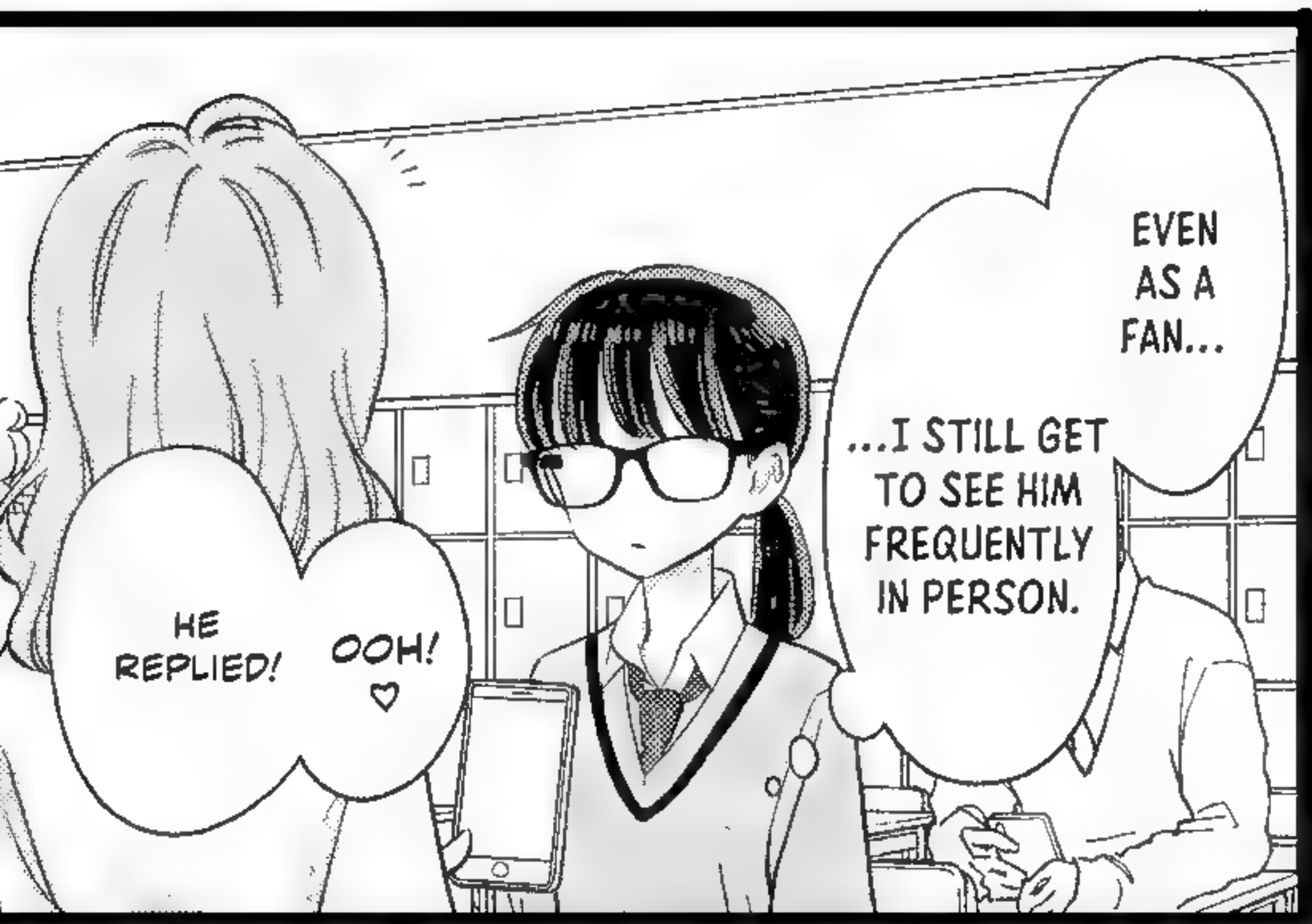


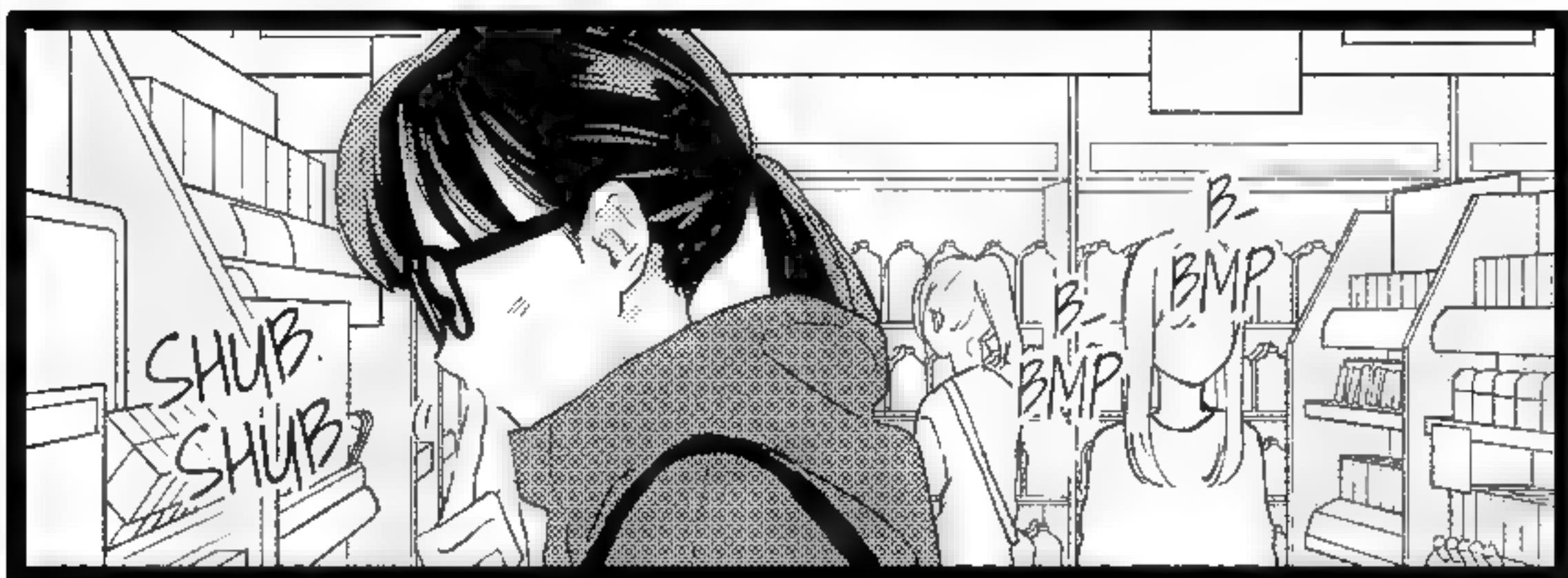


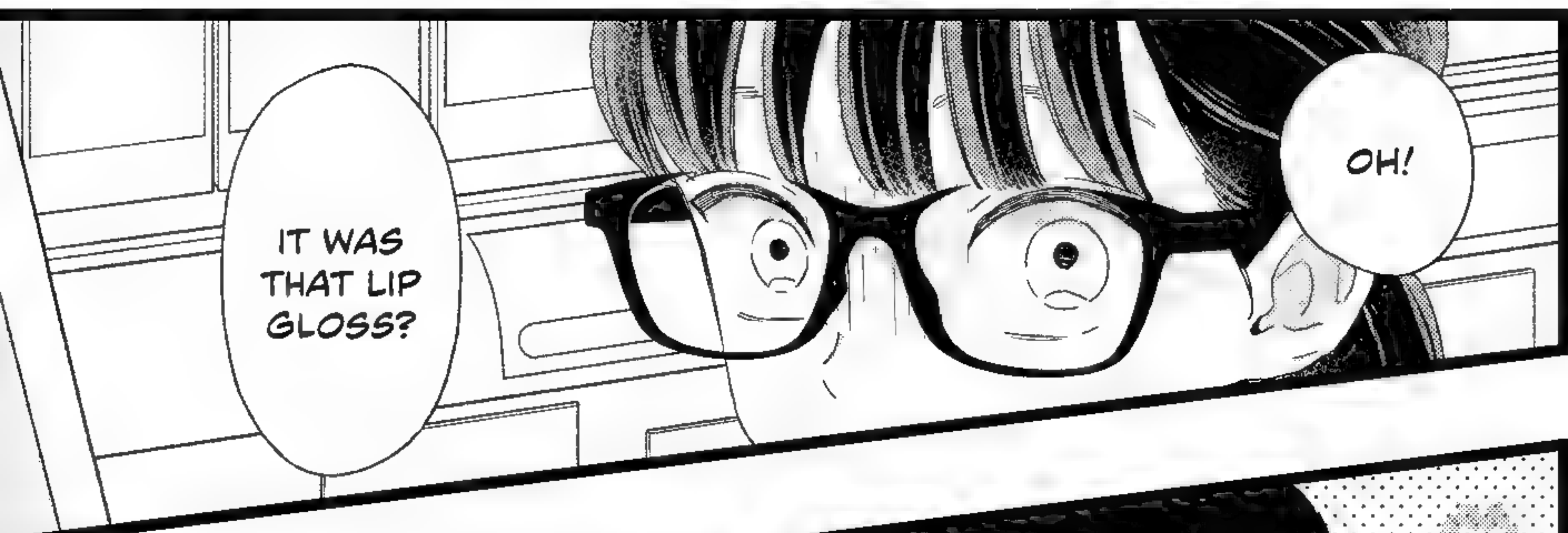














...SO I
THOUGHT
I'D GO
FOR A
WALK ON
THE MAIN
STREET!

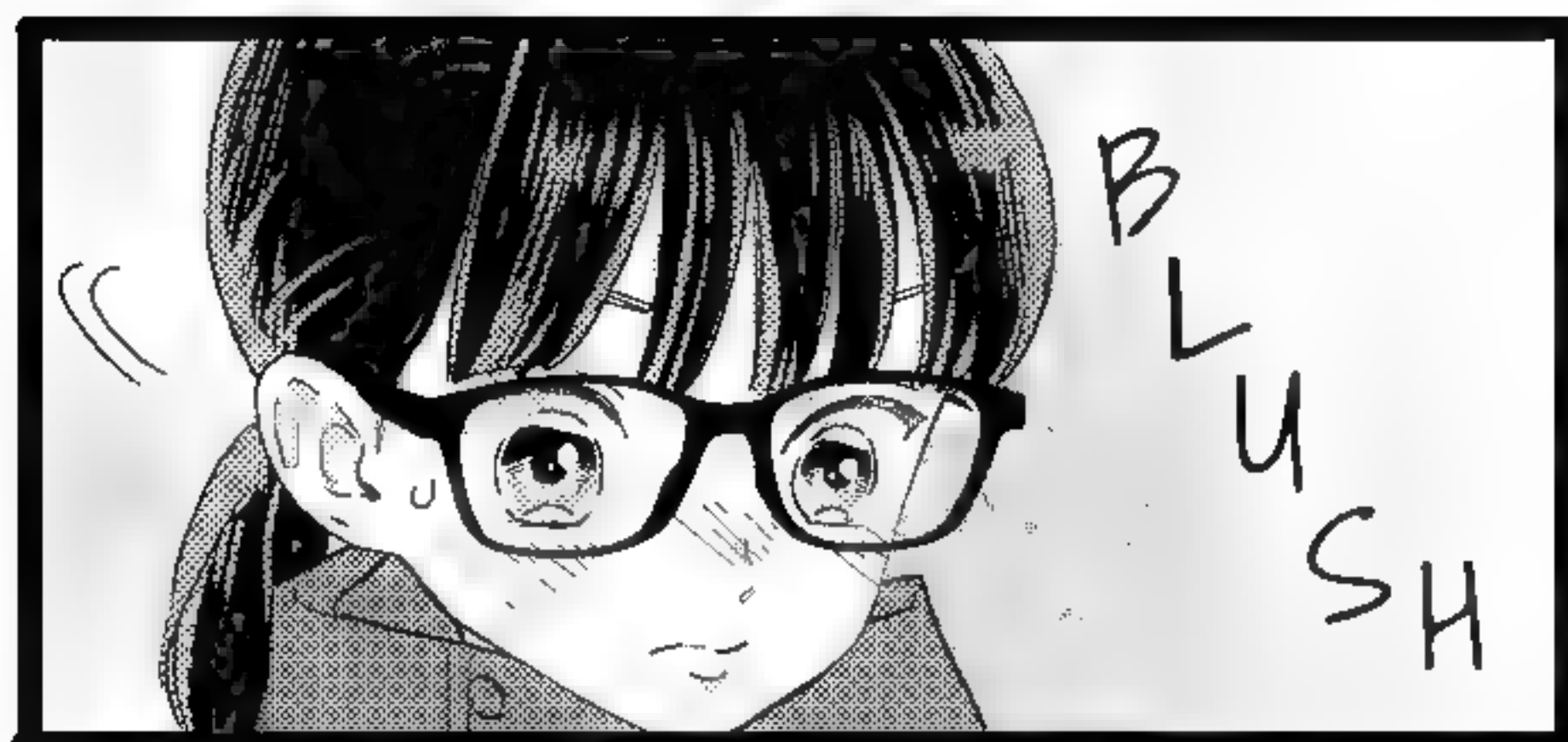
IT'S NICE
AND
WARM
OUT
TODAY...



I NEVER
NOTICED
YOU
WEARING
MAKEUP
BEFORE,
SAHOKO.

WHAT
BROUGHT
ON THE
SUDDEN
CHANGE?

!



B
L
U
S
H



YOU
LIKE
SOME-
ONE?

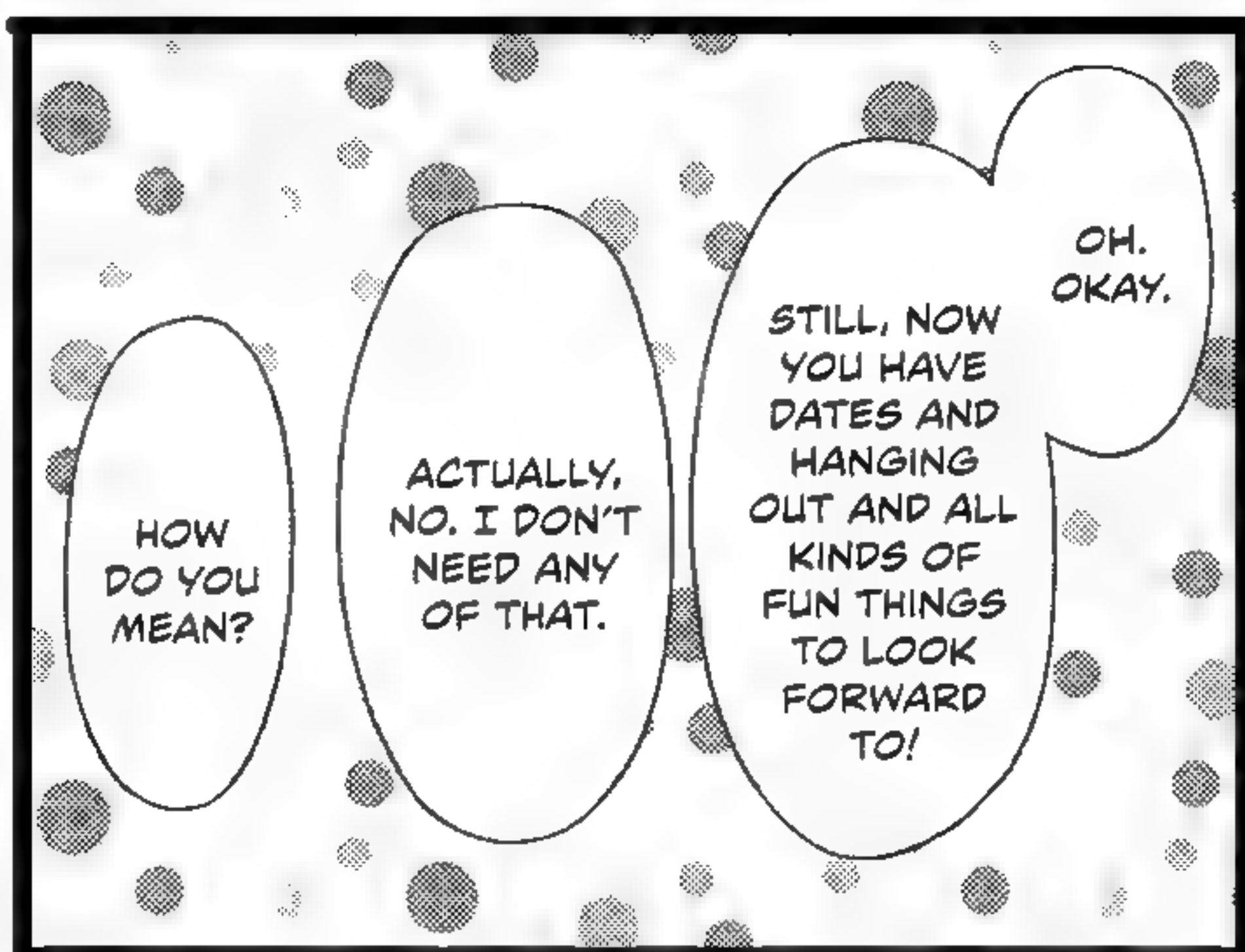
AH!
THAT
BLUSH!



YOU CAN
STILL
FEEL IT ALL
BUNDLED
UP LIKE
THAT?

THE COOL
BREEZE
FEELS SO
REFRESH-
ING!
♡

IT CAN'T
BE EASY
BEING
FAMOUS.









HE'LL
GET MY
HOPES
UP.

HE
SHOULDN'T
SAY THAT.



THAT
LIP GLOSS
LOOKED SO
BAD ON ME.
LIKE, REALLY
BAD.

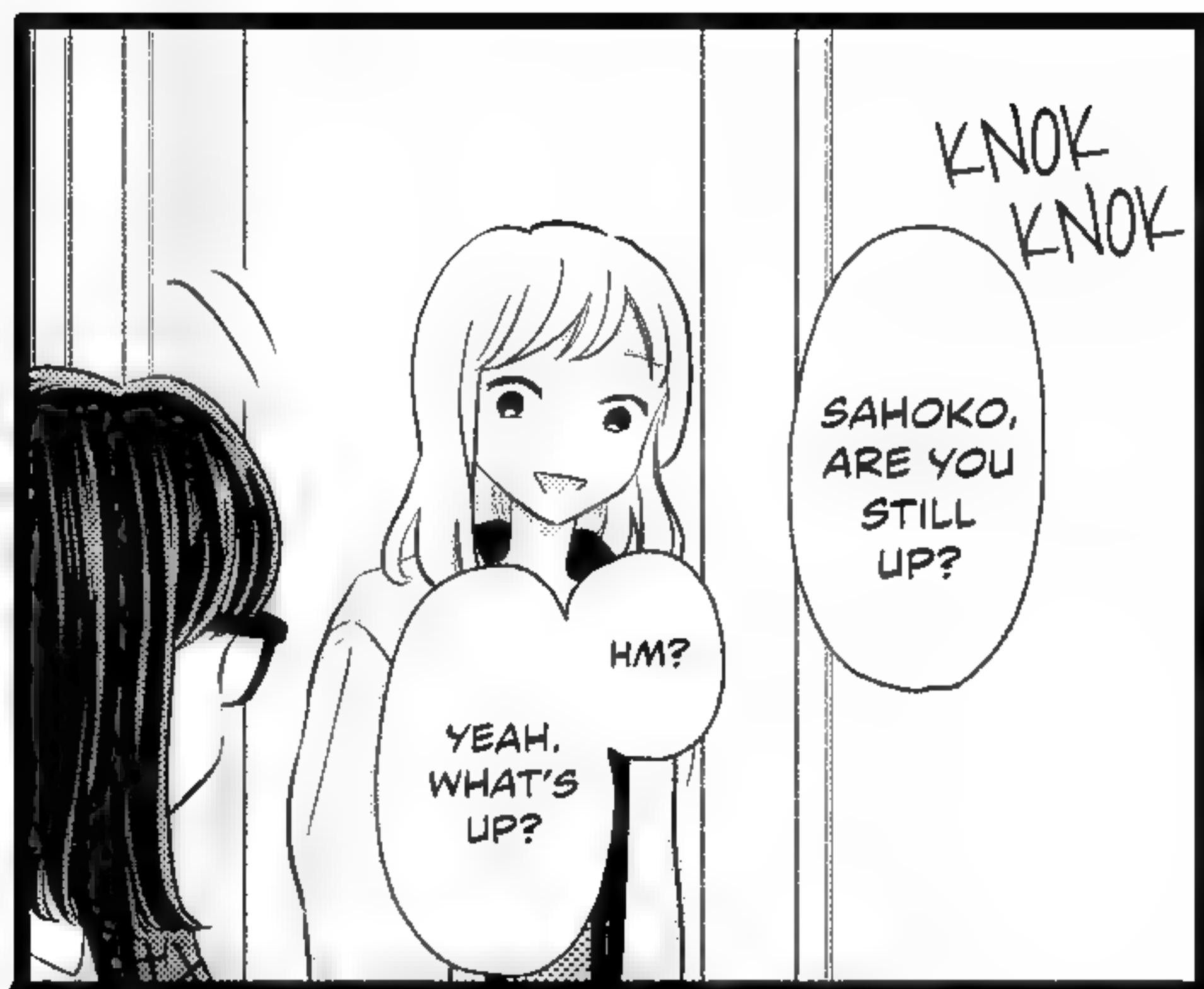
I KNOW
MYSELF
BETTER
THAN
ANYONE.



HE'S
TOO
NICE.

THAT'S
WHY HE'S
ABLE
TO SAY
THOSE
KINDS OF
THINGS.





OH,
I'LL
EAT
ANY-
THING.

I'VE
NEVER
BEEN A
FUSSY
EATER.

LET'S
TEST
THAT!
WE HAVE
THIS FOR
KOUTA
KIRIGAYA
TO TRY!!

DEEP-FRIED TARANTULA

?!

IN WHAT
FELT
LIKE THE
BLINK OF
AN EYE...

WANT TO
TAKE A
BATH WITH
PAPA,
HIMARI?

...THE WEEK
PASSED, AND
MONDAY CAME
AROUND.

YEAH!

THEN...

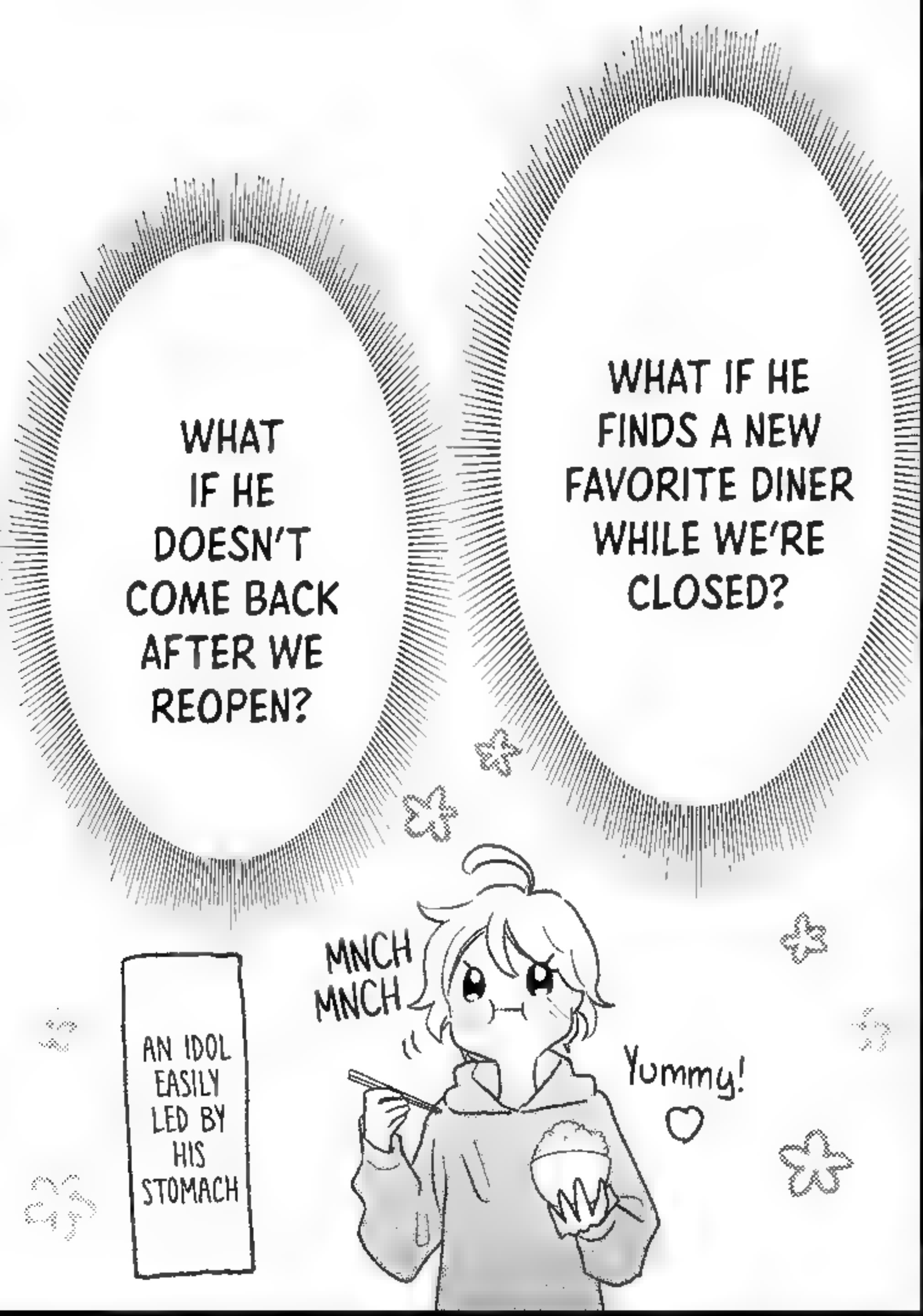
TEMPORARY CLOSURE

While the owner is on medical leave,
the restaurant will be closed until further
notice. We are terribly sorry for any
inconvenience. We will post another notice
here once we have an estimate for when
we'll reopen.

Thank you very much for your patience.

-The Hoya Boya Staff

I WON'T
BE ABLE
TO SEE HIM
ANYMORE.



WHAT
IF HE
DOESN'T
COME BACK
AFTER WE
REOPEN?

WHAT IF HE
FINDS A NEW
FAVORITE DINER
WHILE WE'RE
CLOSED?

AN IDOL
EASILY
LED BY
HIS
STOMACH

MNCH
MNCH

Yummy!



I WATCH
HIM ON
TV EVERY
DAY,
BUT...

HE
DIDN'T
COME
TO THE
DINER
ONCE.

NOW
WHAT?



WAIT...



...IT'S
POSSIBLE
I'LL NEVER
SEE HIM IN
PERSON
AGAIN.

OH.

IF HE
STOPS
COMING
TO THE
DINER...



HE'S A
TOP IDOL.
A CELEBRITY.

WHAT WAS I
THINKING?!
HOW COULD
I BELIEVE
HE'D ALWAYS
BE THERE
WHenever
I WANTED
TO TALK
TO HIM?



News!

Kouta is filming a drama in
front of the station!

I want to go look, but I'm at my
part-time job! (´ ; ڊ ;`)





THANK
YOU! I'M
READY!

SQUEEEEE

KOUTA!



ISN'T IT
WEIRD
THAT I
CAME ALL
THE WAY
HERE?

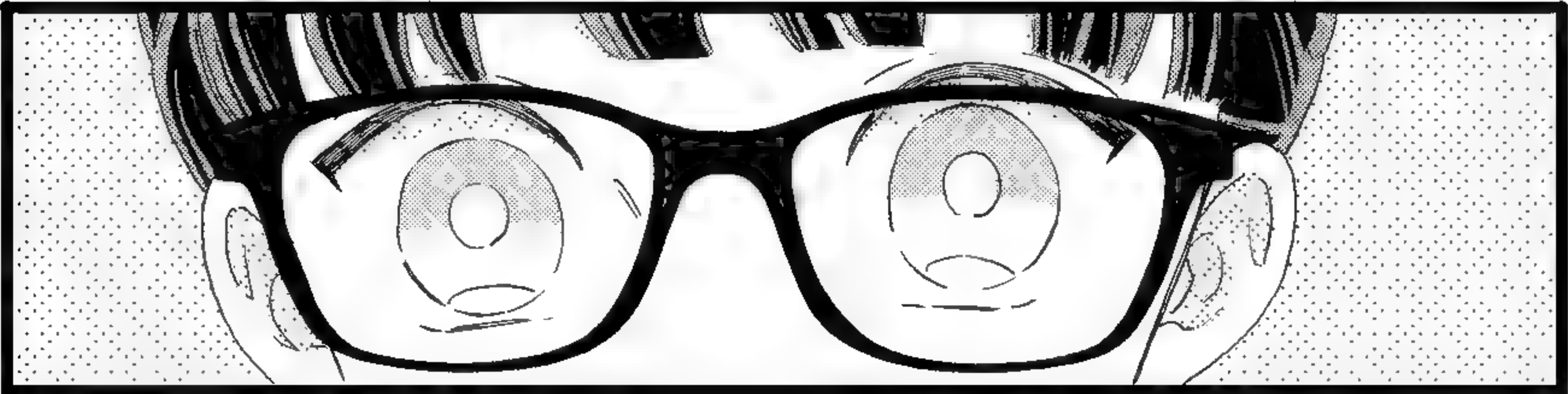
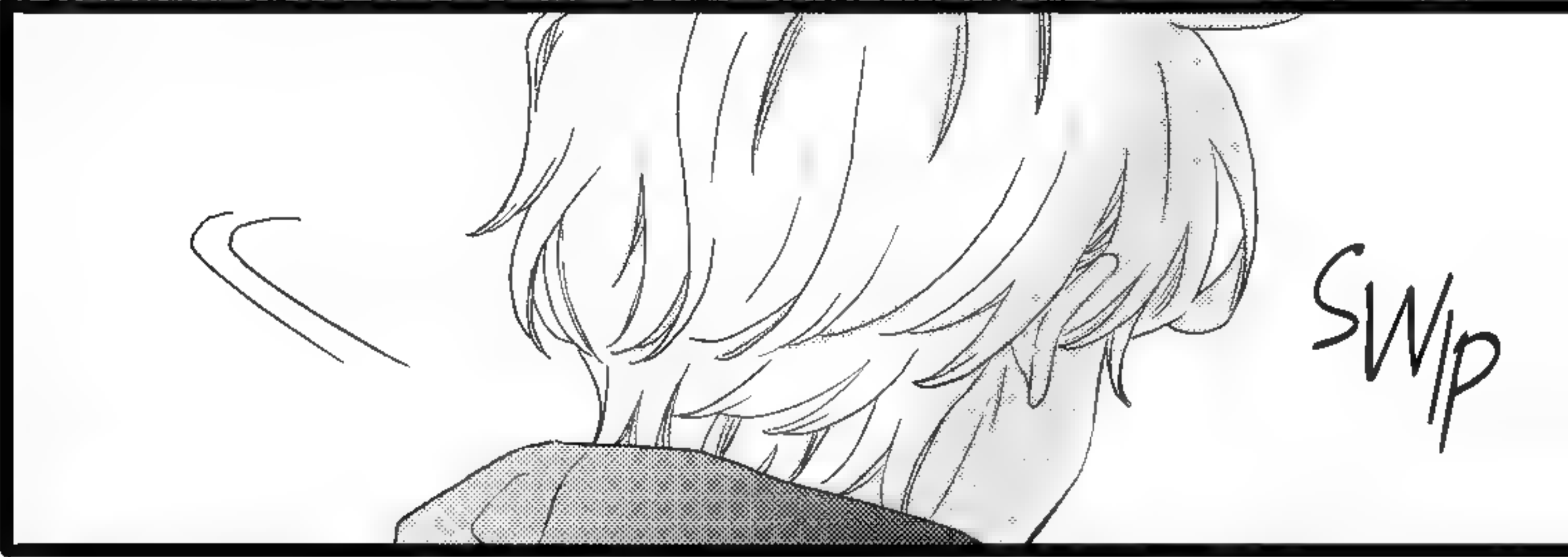
GREAT.
I CAME ON
IMPULSE,
BUT NOW
WHAT?

SHOULD
I SAY
I WAS
SHOPPING?

No. Too
Forced.

NEXT
SCENE,
KIRIGAYA!







YOU'RE ONLY
GOOD FOR
DANCING
AROUND AND
LOOKING
PRETTY!

HEY,
IDIOT
IDOL!

BAH
HA HA!
HARSH,
BRO!

...HOW
ABOUT
YOU DO
A LITTLE
DANCE
FOR US,
HUH?
YOU'RE
AN IDOL,
RIGHT?

IF YOU
HAVE TO
HANG
AROUND
...

WHO
ARE
THESE
GUYS?

HUH?



HUH?

What.

UM!

E-
EXCUSE
ME.



COULD YOU
PLEASE STOP
INTERRUPTING?

THIS IS
A VERY
SERIOUS
JOB FOR
HIM.



...AND
GIVE
HONEST
THOUGHT
TO WHY
YOU'D SAY
THAT.

...BUT HE'S
THE KIND OF
PERSON TO
TAKE YOU
SERIOUSLY...

YOU MAY
HECKLE
HIM...

HUH?



...AND TRIES
HIS BEST TO DO
EVERYTHING HE
CAN TO MAKE
PEOPLE HAPPY!

HE
WORKS
HARD...

...HE
DOES
WHAT HE
CAN FOR
HIS FANS.

EVEN
WHEN NO
ONE'S
WATCH-
ING...




KEEP IT
DOWN!
YOU'RE
INTER-
RUPTING
FILMING!

QUIET,
PLEASE!
YOU,
OVER
THERE!

SO STOP
MAKING
FUN OF HIM
WHEN YOU
DON'T KNOW
ANYTHING
ABOUT HIM!








HE WAS
RIGHT
THERE...
AND NOW
I MIGHT
NEVER
SEE HIM
AGAIN.

I KEPT
PUTTING
IT OFF.

...THERE ARE
TIMES WHEN
YOU JUST
HAVE TO GRIT
YOUR TEETH
AND ACT.

EVEN IF IT'S
EMBARRASSING,
EVEN IF YOU
DON'T HAVE
CONFIDENCE IN
YOURSELF.



I DO KNOW
WHERE HE
LIVES.

...




IT'S
SCARY.



I MAY
FREAK
HIM
OUT.

EVEN IF I
DO GO, HE
MIGHT NOT
WANT TO
SEE ME.



I COULD
BRING
HIM
SOME-
THING
FROM
THE
DINER...
UGH, NO.
WHAT
KIND OF
EXCUSE
IS THAT?



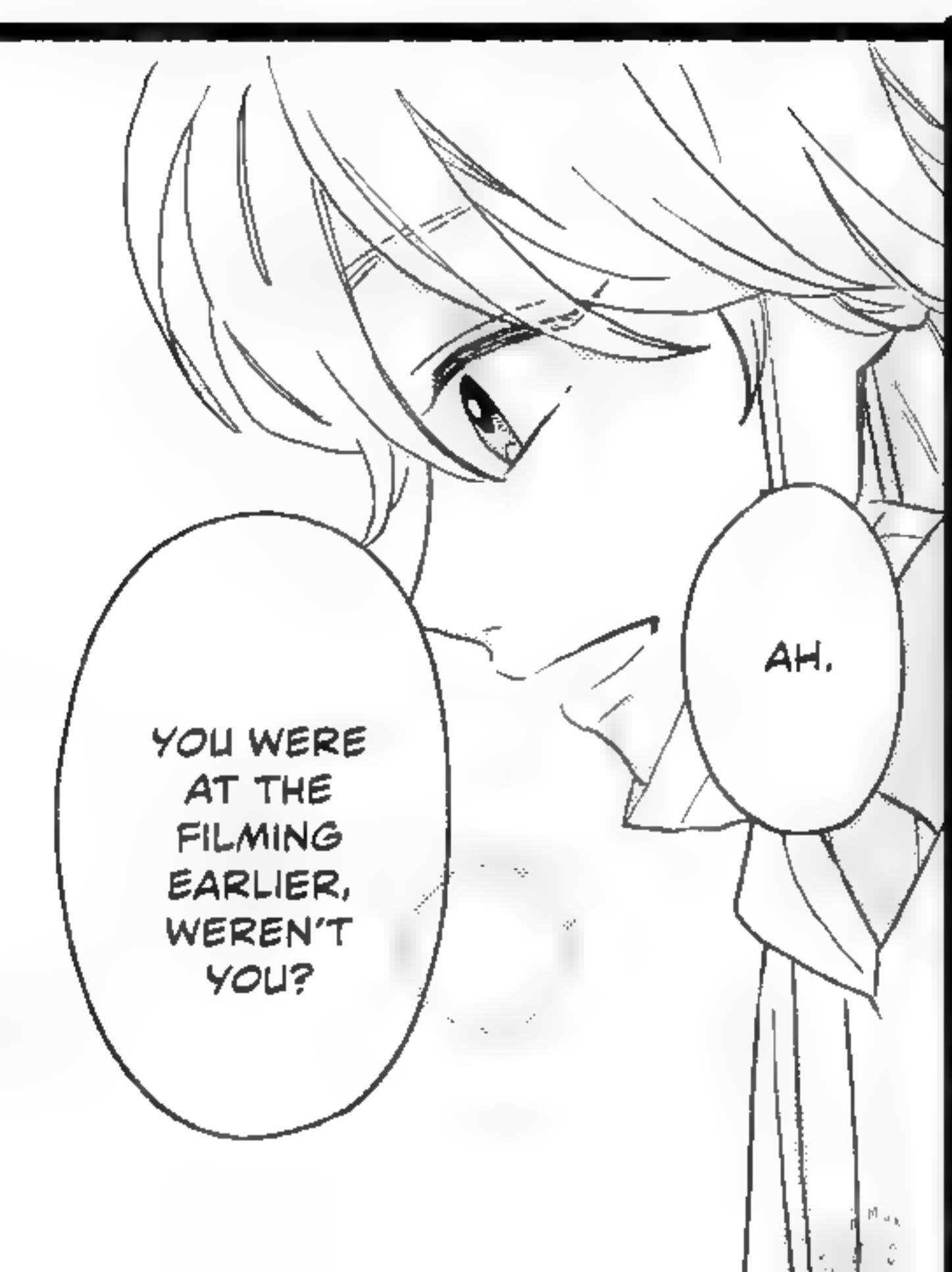
BUT...

...NEVER
GETTING
TO MEET
HIM EVER
AGAIN...



...SCARES
ME EVEN
MORE.

SH
W
AK





WHAT YOU
SAID MADE
ME SO
HAPPY.

THOSE
GUYS
COULD'VE
BEEN
DANGER-
OUS.

I'M
GLAD
YOU
STOOD
UP FOR
ME, BUT
DON'T
DO
THAT
AGAIN.
OKAY?

STILL...

I ALMOST
TEARED
UP RIGHT
THERE!

IF YOU DON'T
MIND, I WANT
TO TELL YOU
SOMETHING.

WHAT YOU
SAID THE
OTHER NIGHT
GAVE ME
COURAGE
TOO.

UM...



I REALLY
WANT...

AND I
WANT TO
BE ABLE
TO LET
YOU KNOW
WHEN I
WANT TO
SEE YOU.

...TO BE
ABLE TO
TELL YOU
WHEN THE
DINER
IS OPEN
AGAIN.

HOYA BOYA



WILL
YOU GIVE
ME YOUR
SOCIALS?

PLEASE...

Huh?

THAT'S
ALL?

SURE! HERE
ARE ALL MY
ACCOUNTS.

No problem!

FINALLY...

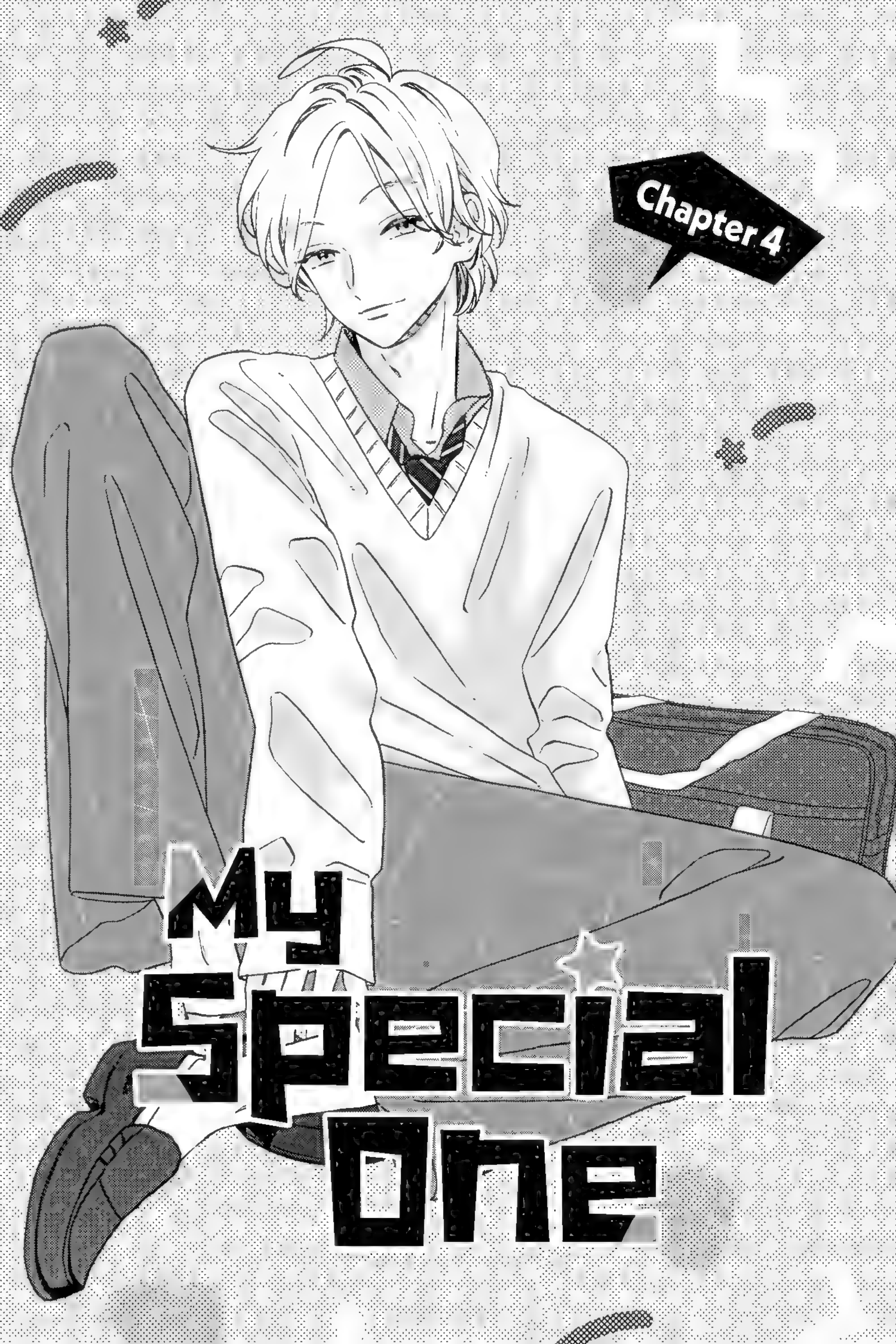
I'M
TRULY IN
LOVE.

...I'M NO
LONGER
A FAN.

TOYOTA

1-800-333-3333

BOYA
BOYA

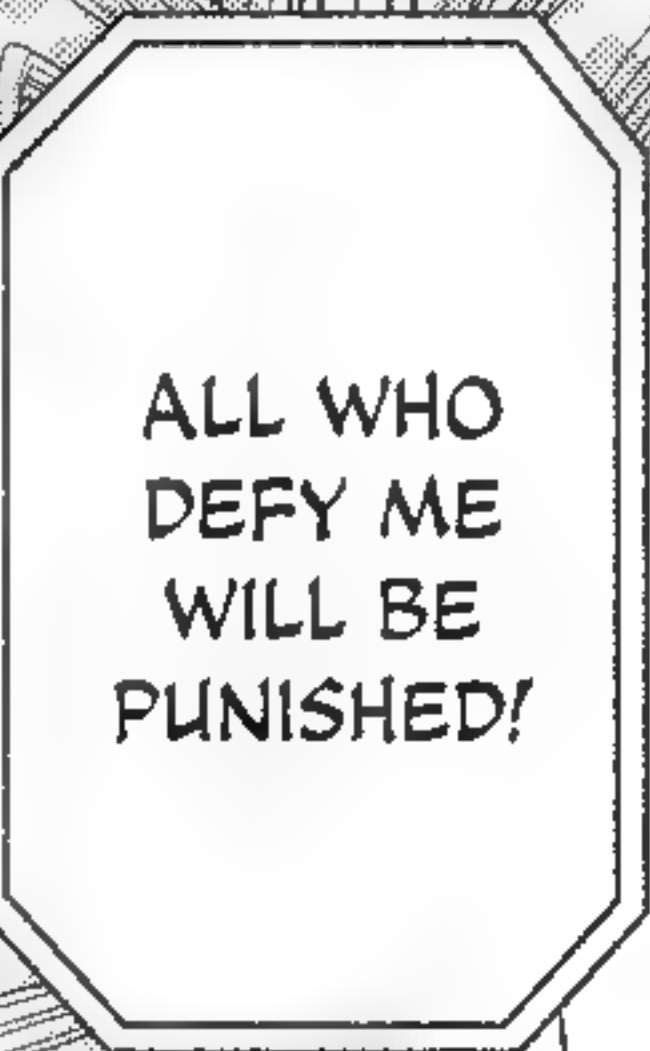
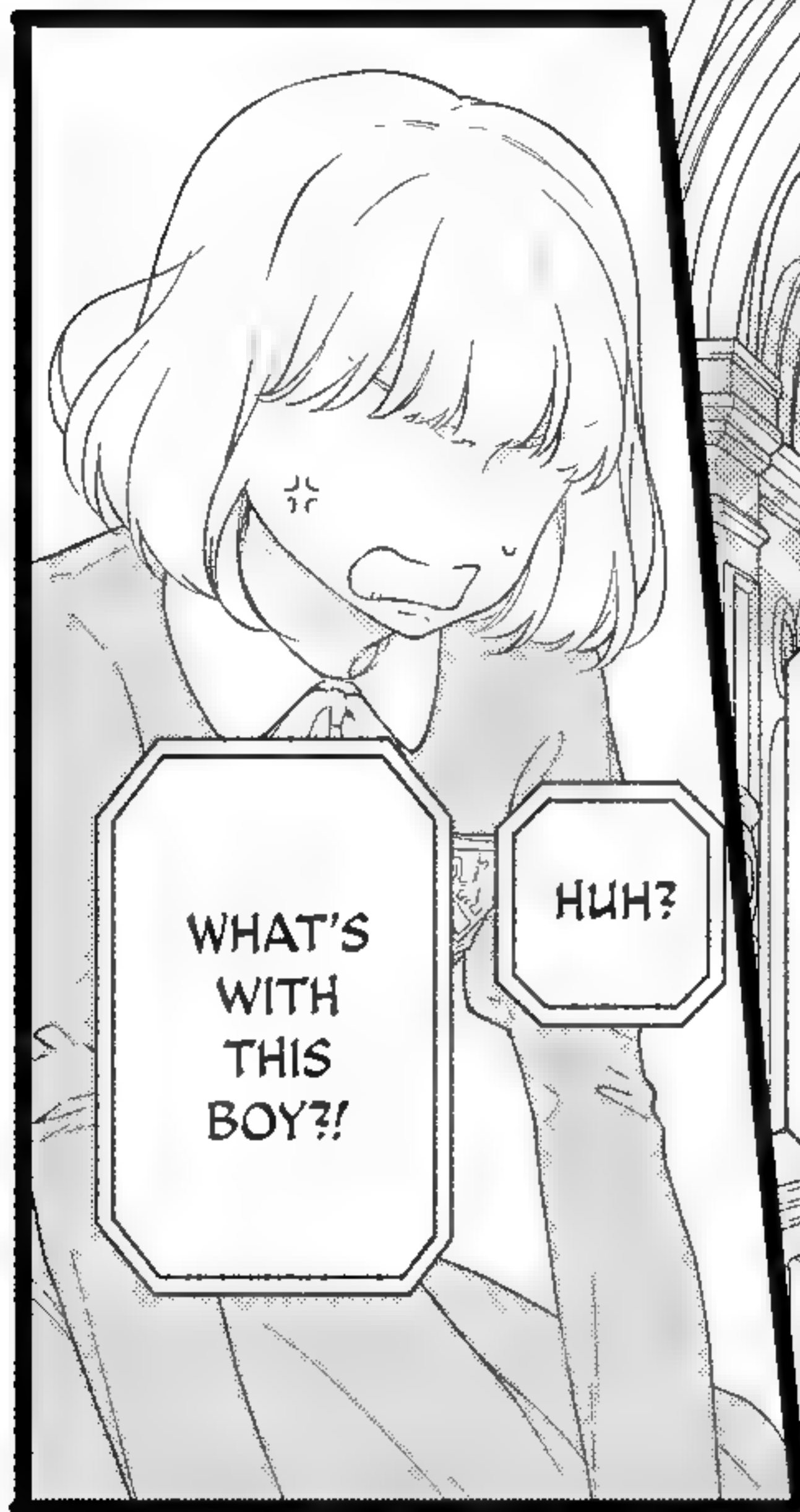
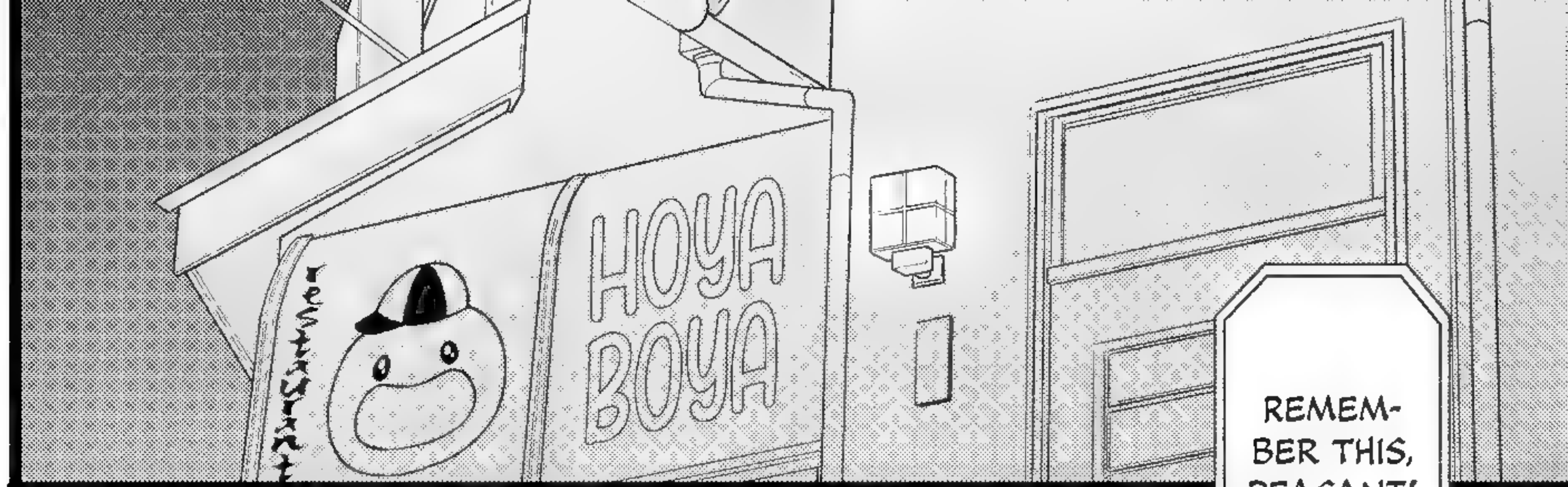


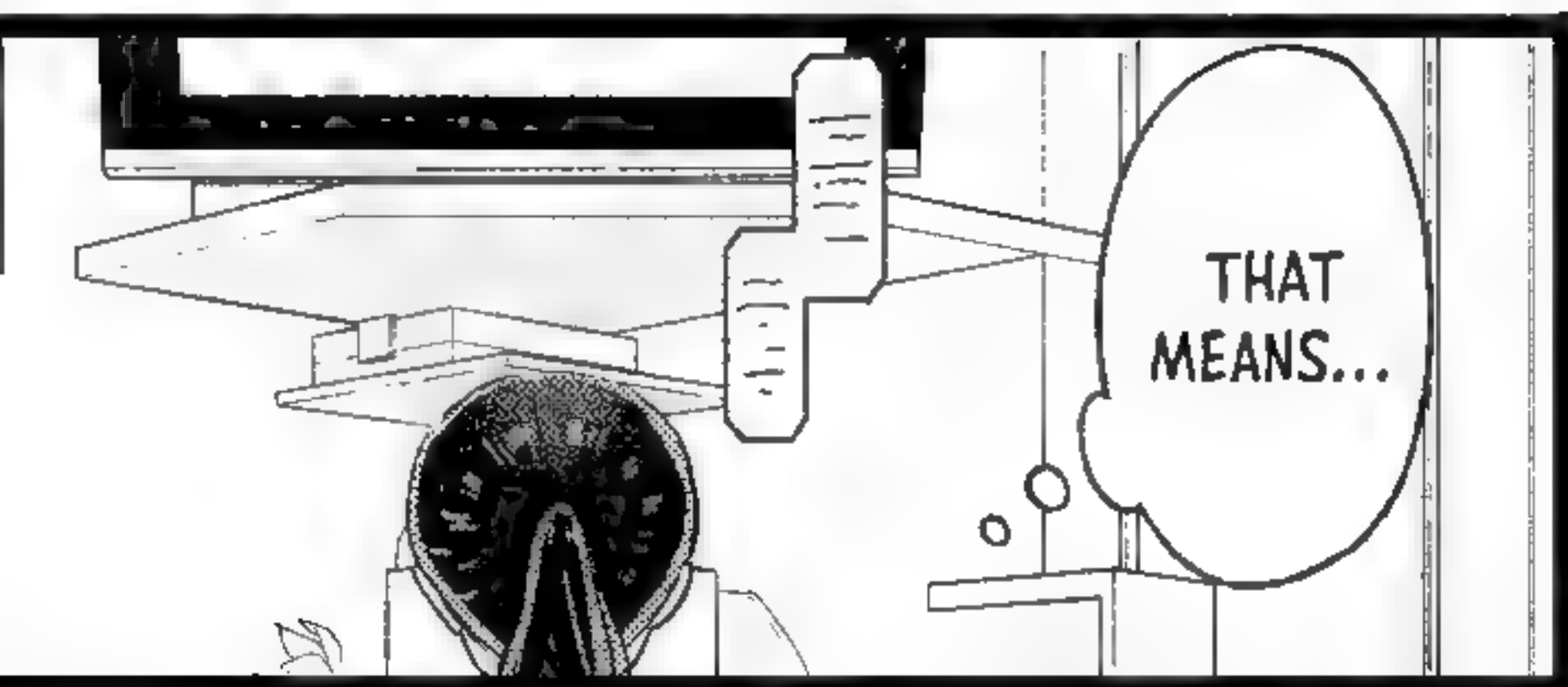
Chapter 4

MY SPECIAL ONE









THAT
MEANS...

...BUT I
FINALLY
SENT IT
TO HIM
A WHILE
AGO.

AFTER
AGONIZING
OVER IT
ALL NIGHT,
I ENDED UP
WRITING
A MERE
BUSINESS
TEXT...

It's Sahoko. 🐱
Thank you for sharing
your contact info.

I'll inform you as soon as
we know when the diner
will reopen. 😊

We look forward to seeing
you again!

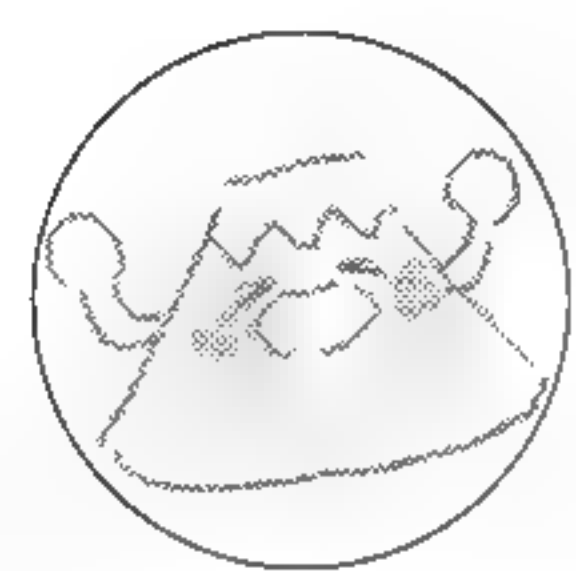
I'VE BEEN TOO
TERRIFIED TO
LOOK AT MY
PHONE SINCE.



KOU

THIS
AVATAR...

...IS USED BY
THE J-POP IDOL
CURRENTLY ON
TV PLAYING A
TYRANNICAL RICH
BOY AT A PRIVATE
ACADEMY.



Sahoko! 😊

I look forward to
coming back! 🐱

Please tell your mom that
I hope she gets well soon!
😊 ✨

...HE
REPLIED!

I HAD THE
COURAGE
TO TAKE
THAT STEP
BECAUSE
OF HIM.

I'VE TAKEN
MY LOVE
ONE STEP
BEYOND
JUST
LOOKING.

GOOD
LUCK!
You
had
some
lip
gloss
there.

YOU'VE GOT
MY OFFICIAL
ENDORSEMENT
AS A
NATIONALLY
FAMOUS IDOL.

I'M SCREEN-
SHOTTING
THIS! I'LL
TREASURE IT
FOREVER!

KYAAAAAH!

NOW I
UNDER-
STAND
GETTING
SUDDEN
URGES TO
SHOUT,
"I'M IN
LOVE!"

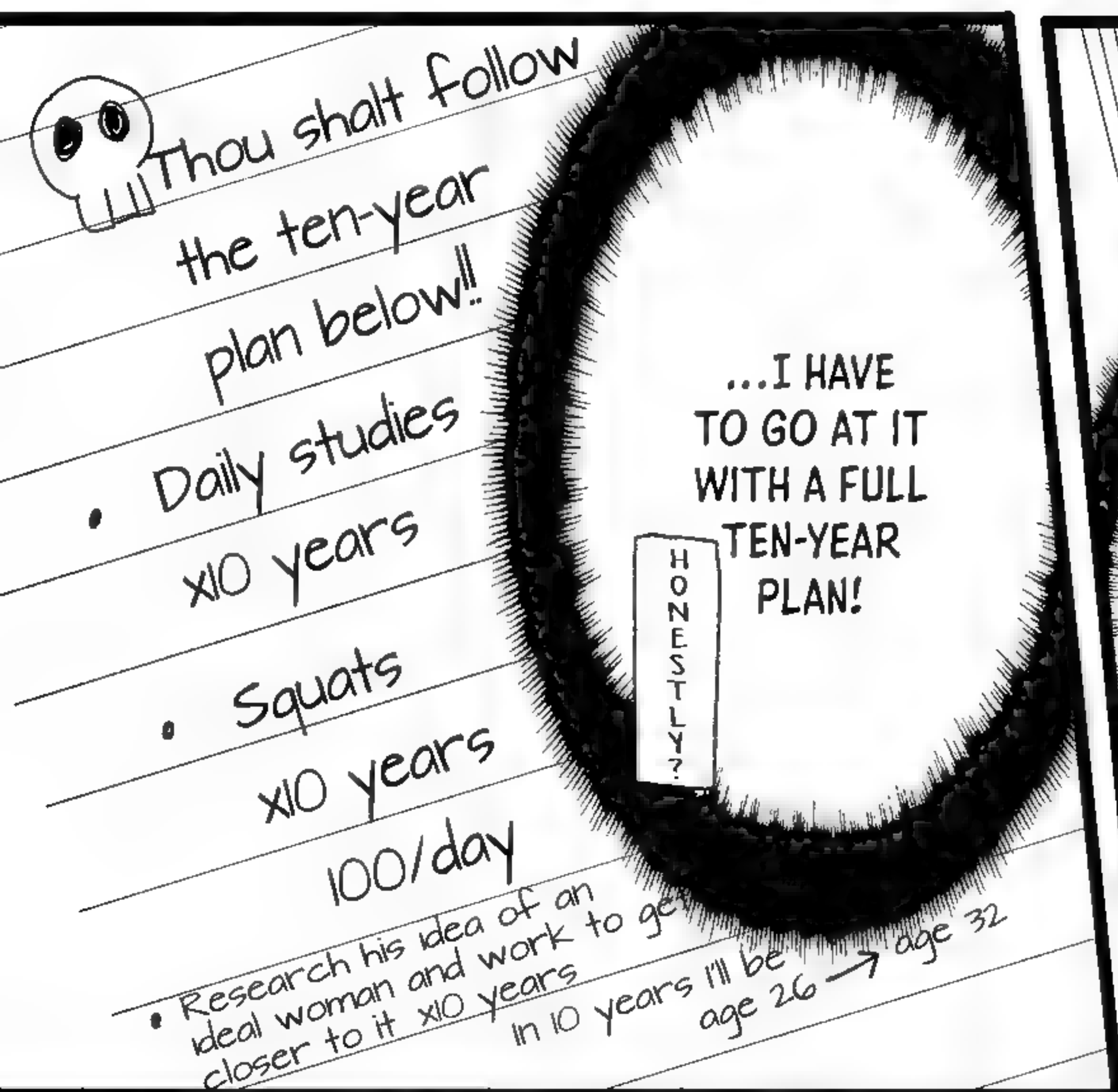
BEFORE,
THOSE
PEOPLE
SEEMED
LIKE
IDIOTS
DRUNK ON
LOVE.

I'M IN
LOVE!
CAL-
PEACH
WATER!

SO
LIGHT
AND
RE-
FRESH-
ING!

NOT THAT
I'D EVER
ACTUALLY
SHOUT
THAT.
OR EVEN
WHISPER IT.

...



TEN
YEARS
OF
WORK
BEGINS
TODAY!

HOPE-
LESS
PUR-
SUIT

I CAN DO
THIS!

IRONCLAD PRECEPTS

I WANT TO
BE SOMEONE
WHO'S CLOSE
TO HIM!

FIRST
ORDER OF
BUSINESS...

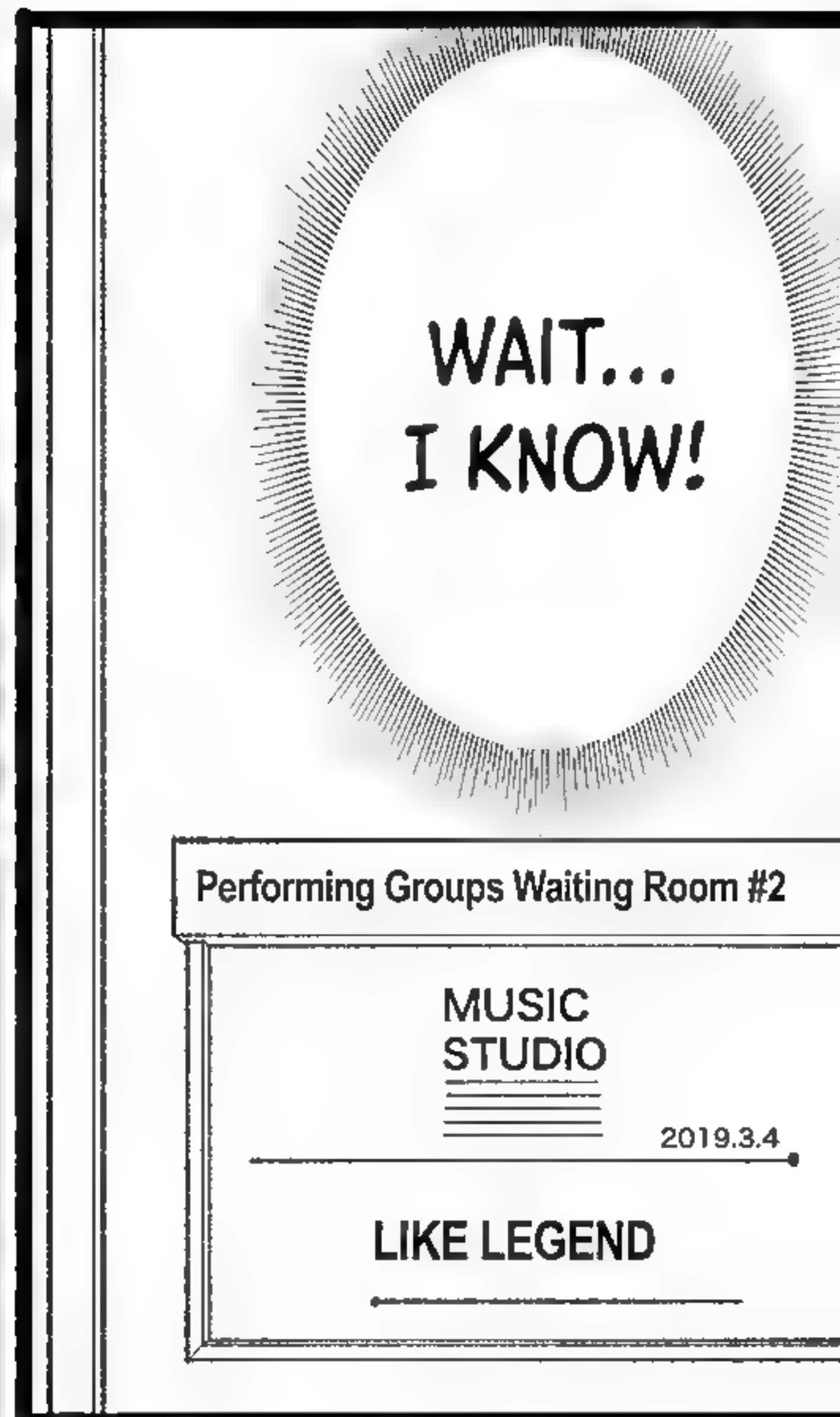
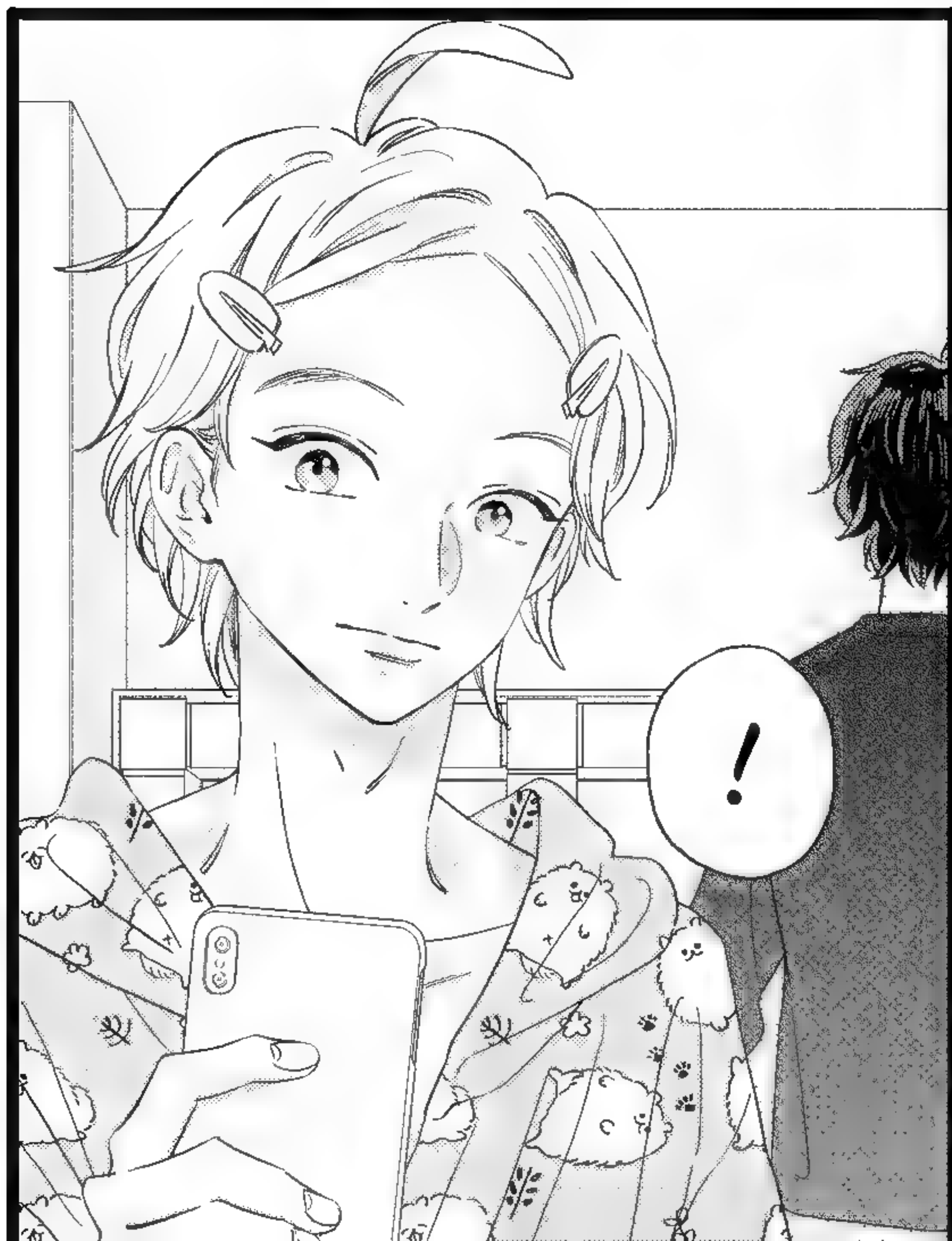
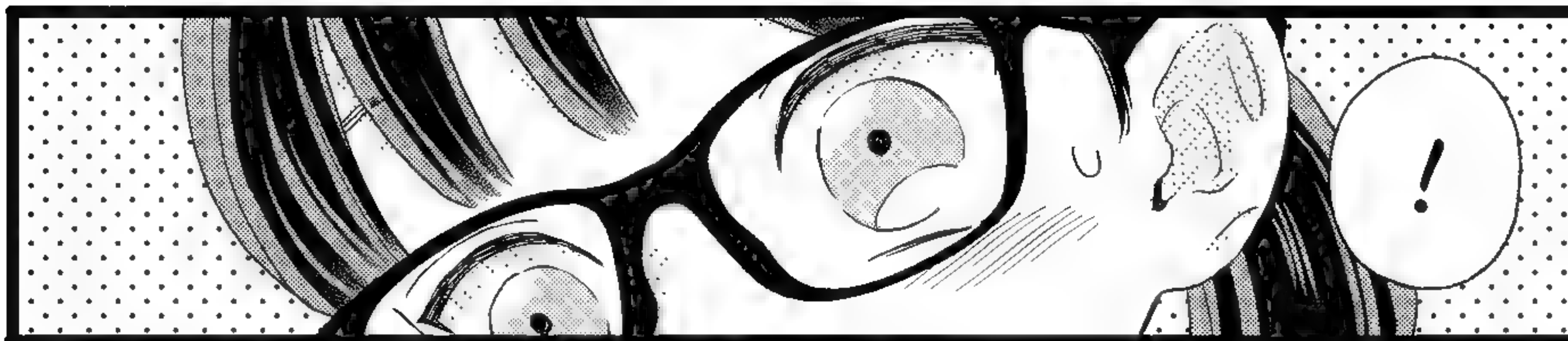
I DON'T
HAVE ANY
OTHER
WAY OF
CASUALLY
SEEING
HIM.

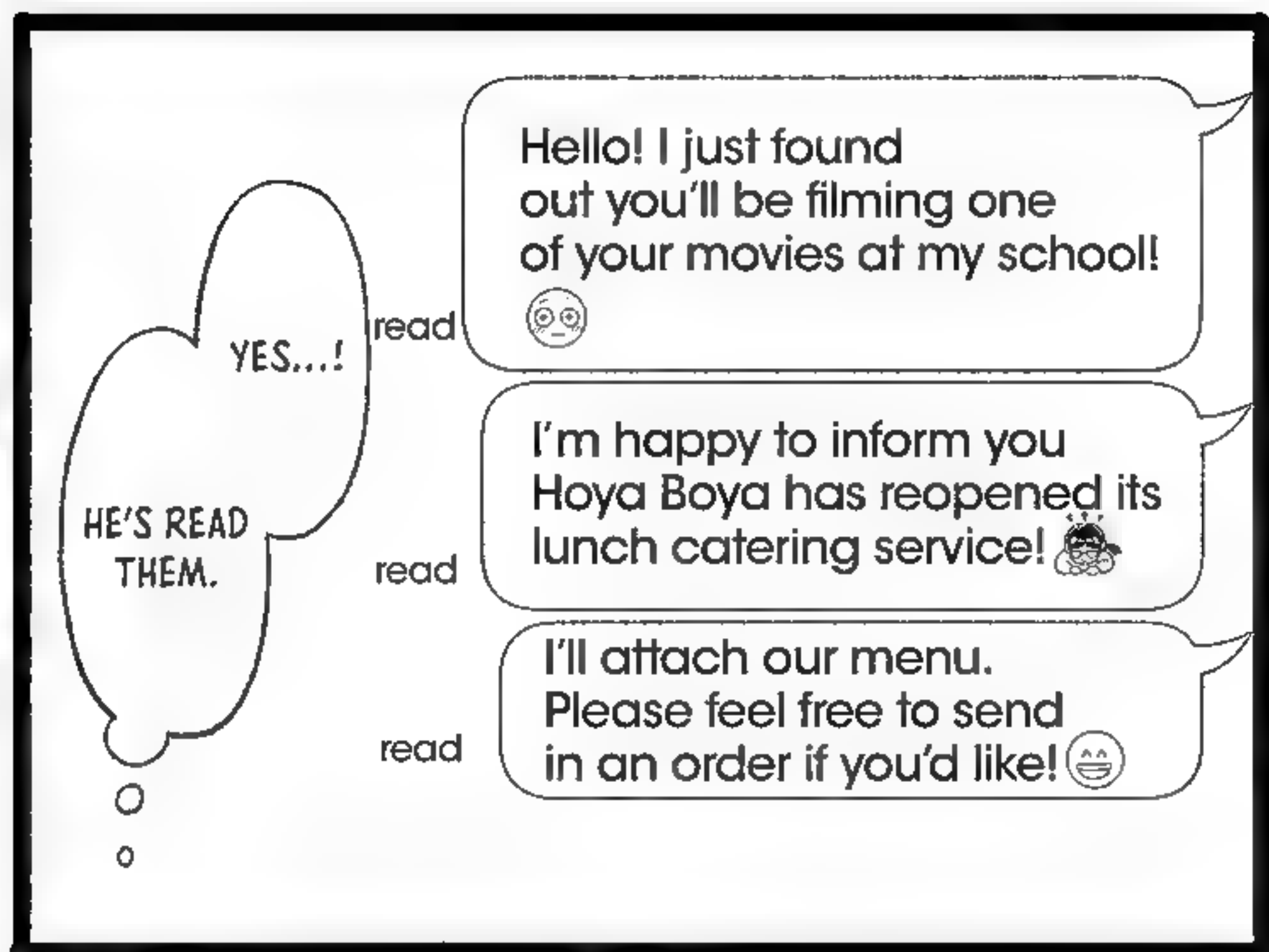
...THE
DINER
WON'T
OPEN
FOR A
WHILE
YET.

THAT
SAID...

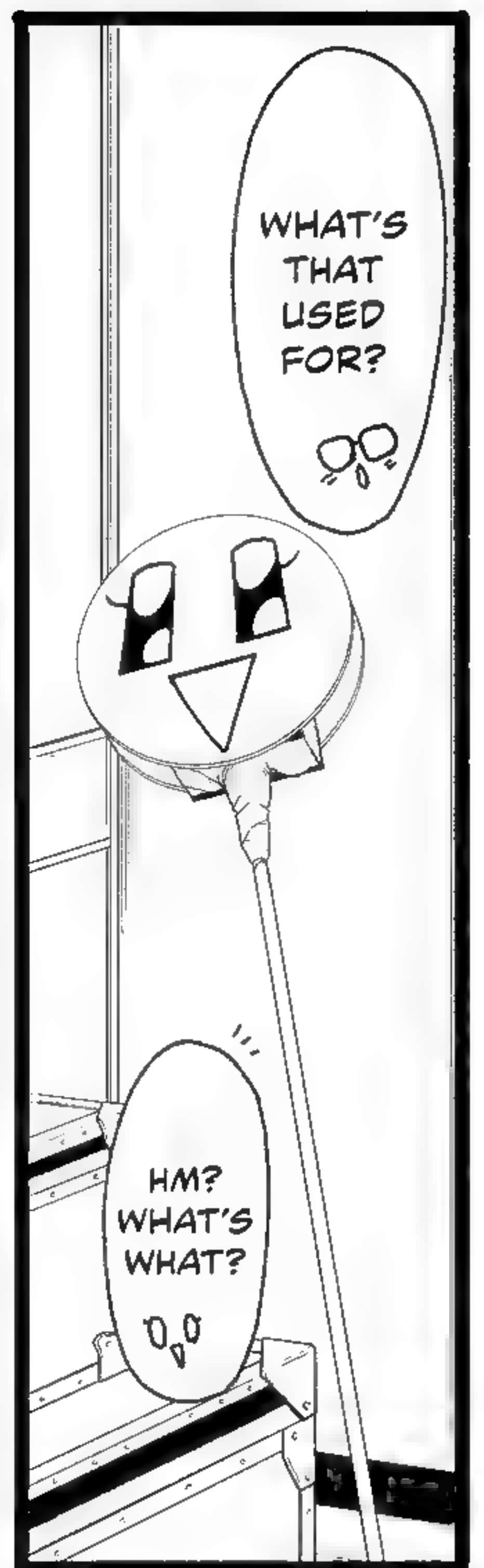
EVERY-
ONE IN
YOUR
SEATS,
PLEASE.













HE'S LYING?!

N-NO, I KNEW THAT!

I JUST REMEMBERED.

Get it together, Group Leader.

HOW COME YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT, HUH?



IS THIS WHO I THINK IT IS?

WAIT.

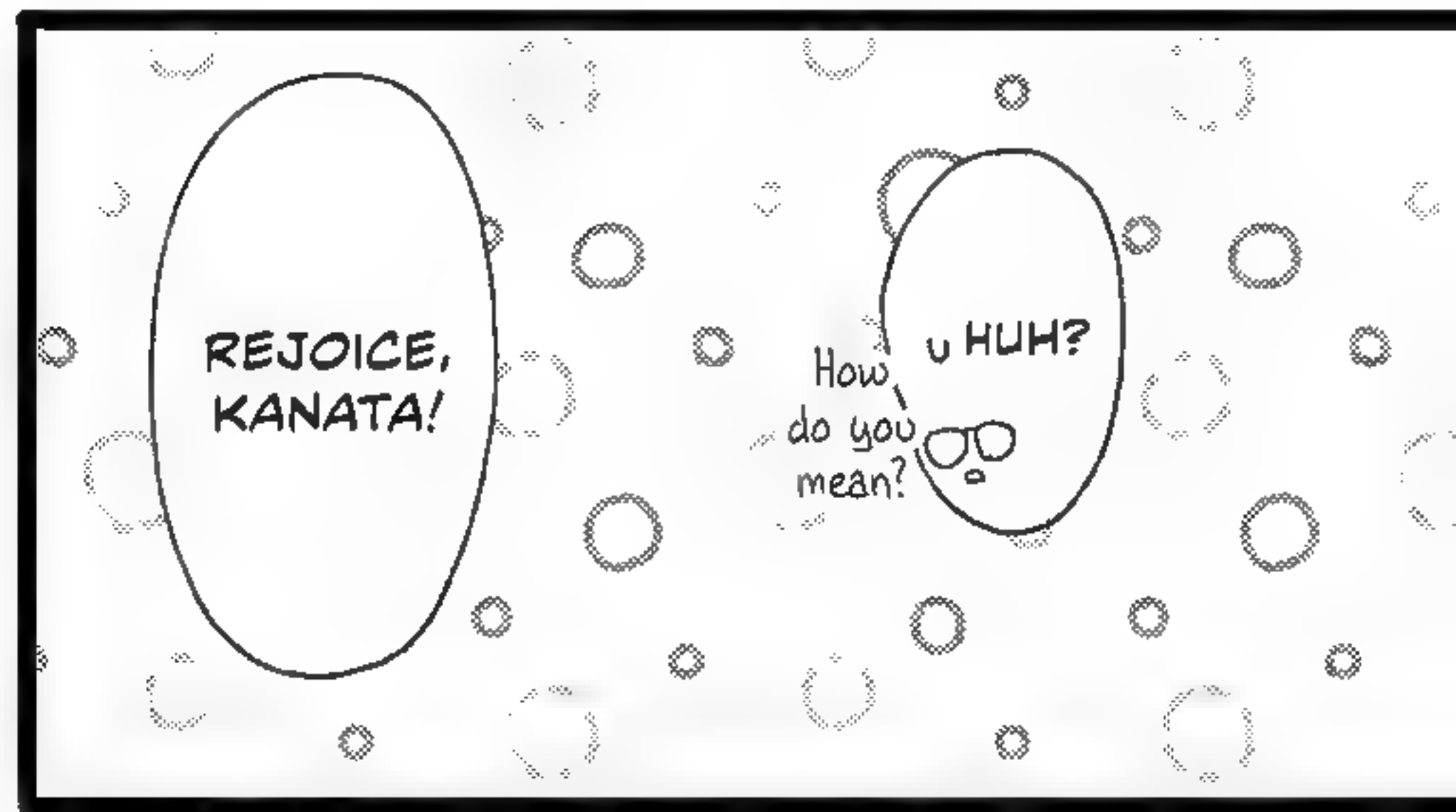
Hm?



AND WHO IS THIS?

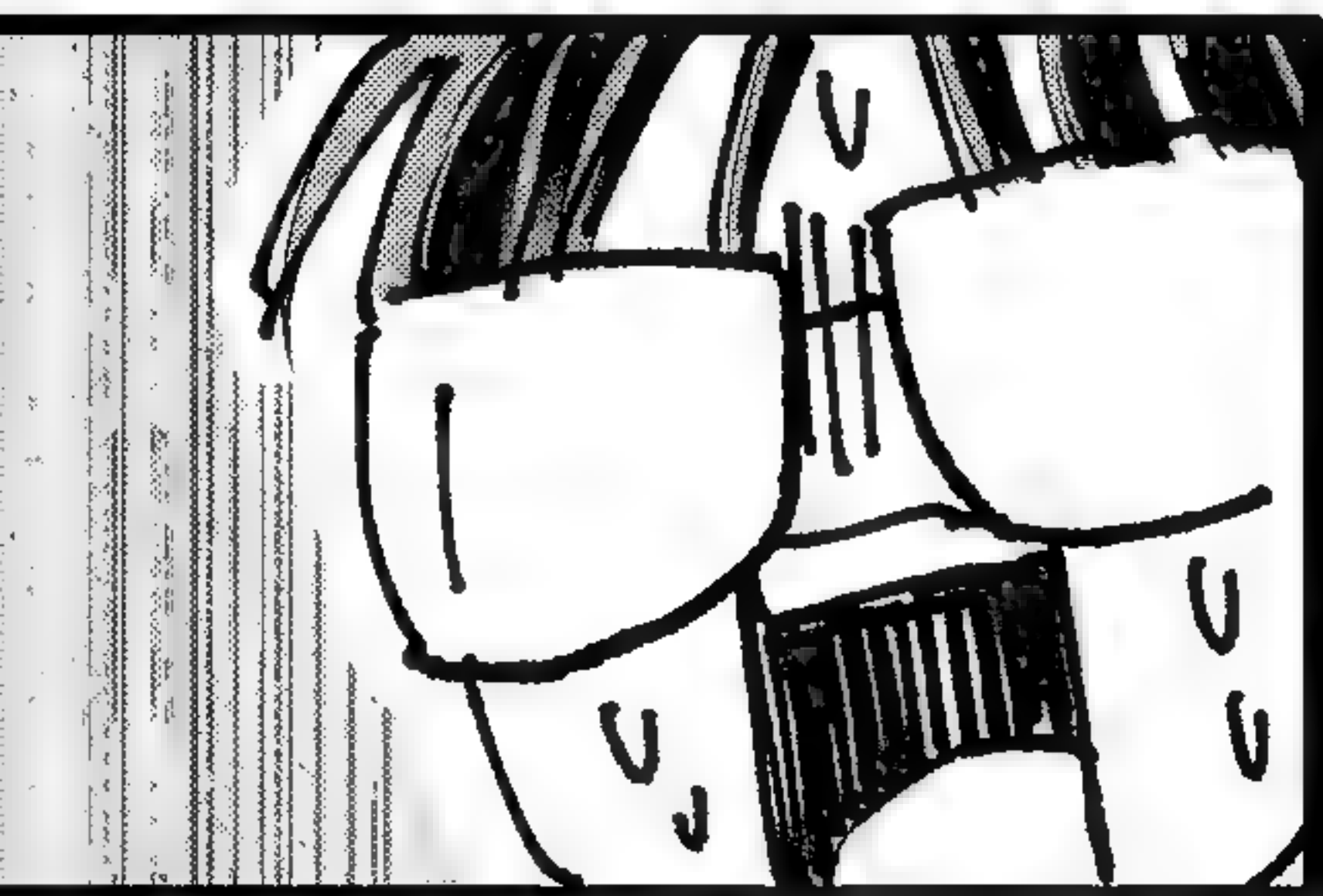
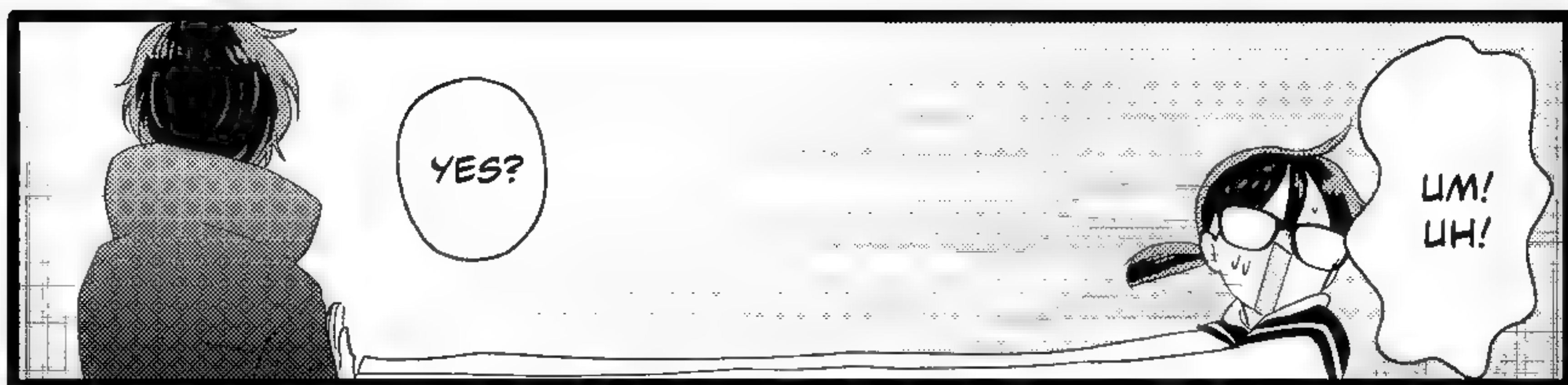
LIKE
LEGEND'S
BLACK-
HAired
BOY!















I'M TAKING
TO HEART
THE ADVICE
KOUTA HAS
GIVEN ME,
AND I'M
TRYING TO
CHANGE FOR
THE BETTER!

I'M SICK
OF MY LACK OF
CONFIDENCE
TOO. BUT I'M
DOING THE
BEST I CAN.



KNOWING
THAT, WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?

HUH?

UM,
ASKING
FOR HIS
SOCIALS...

Ah.

AND?

DELIVERING
HIS LUNCH
ORDERS...



I GUESS
FOR
SOMEONE
WHO'S
PLAIN LIKE
YOU...

...YOU HAVE
TO WORK
THAT MUCH
HARDER
THAN
EVERYONE
ELSE.



YOU THINK
IDOLS LIKE
US HAVE
IT MADE
WITHOUT
HAVING TO
WORK FOR
A THING,
HUH?

AHA.

AH, IT
DOESN'T
MATTER.

You're right
when you
say we're
blessed.

I-I
DIDN'T
SAY
THAT...

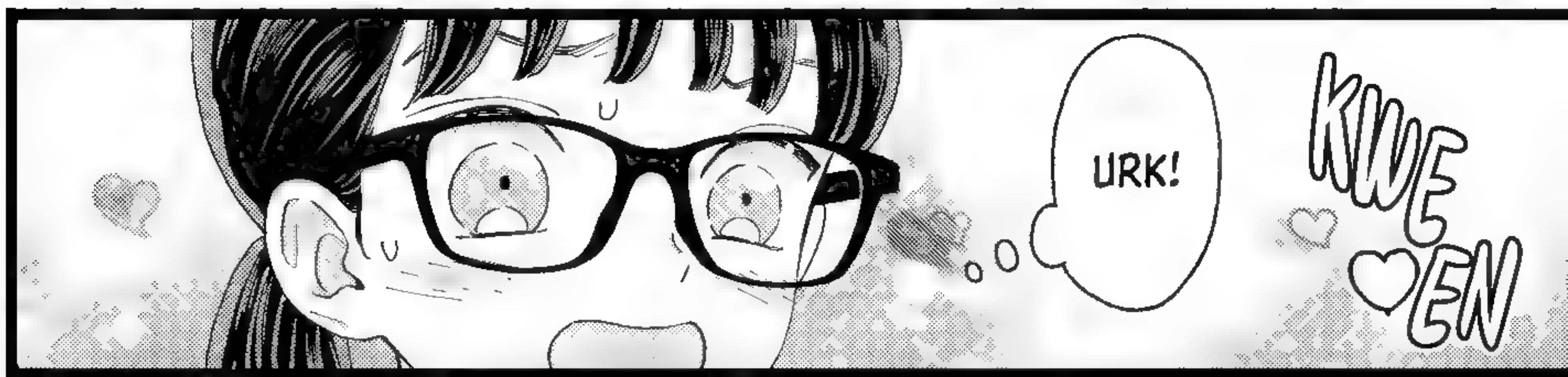
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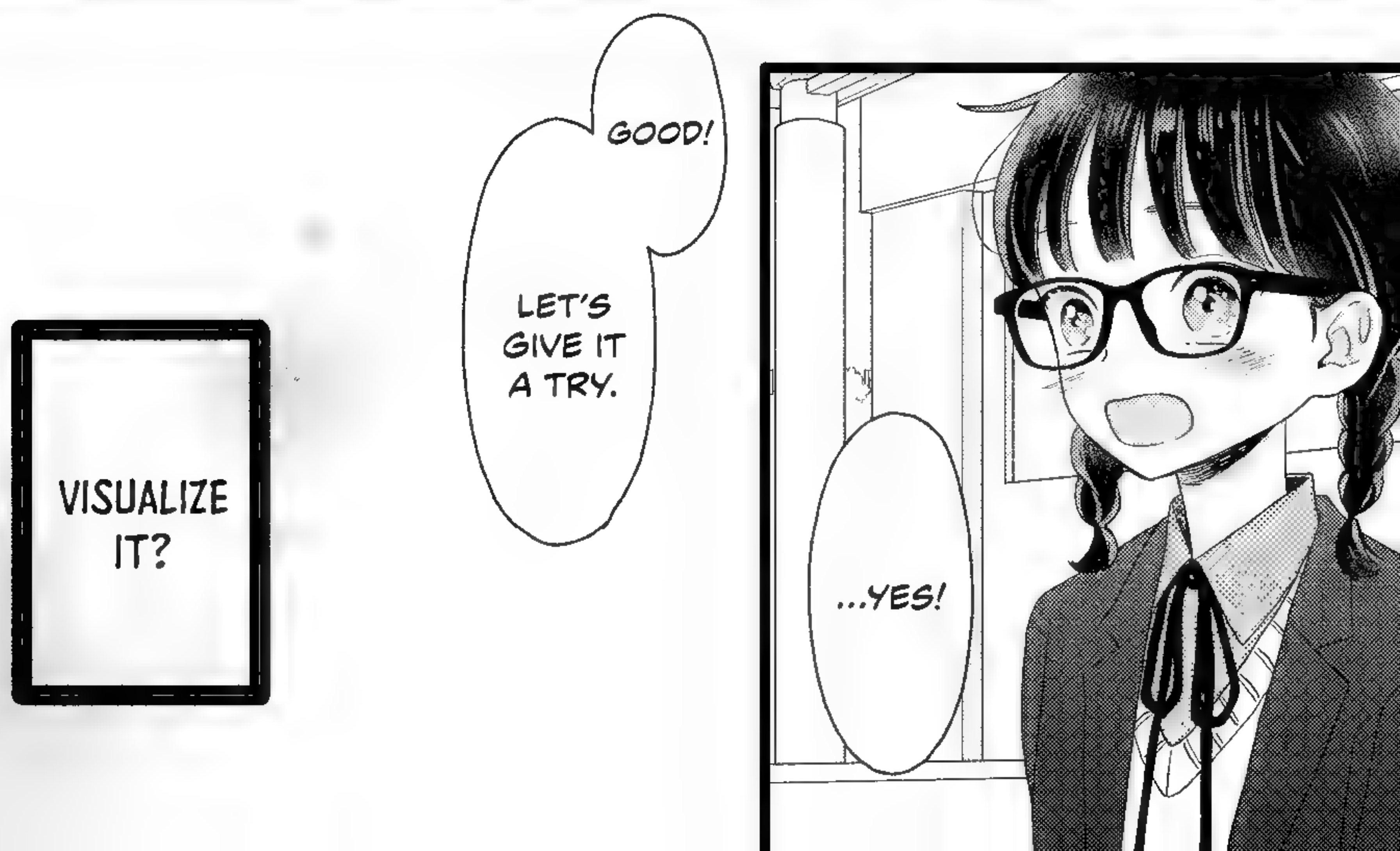
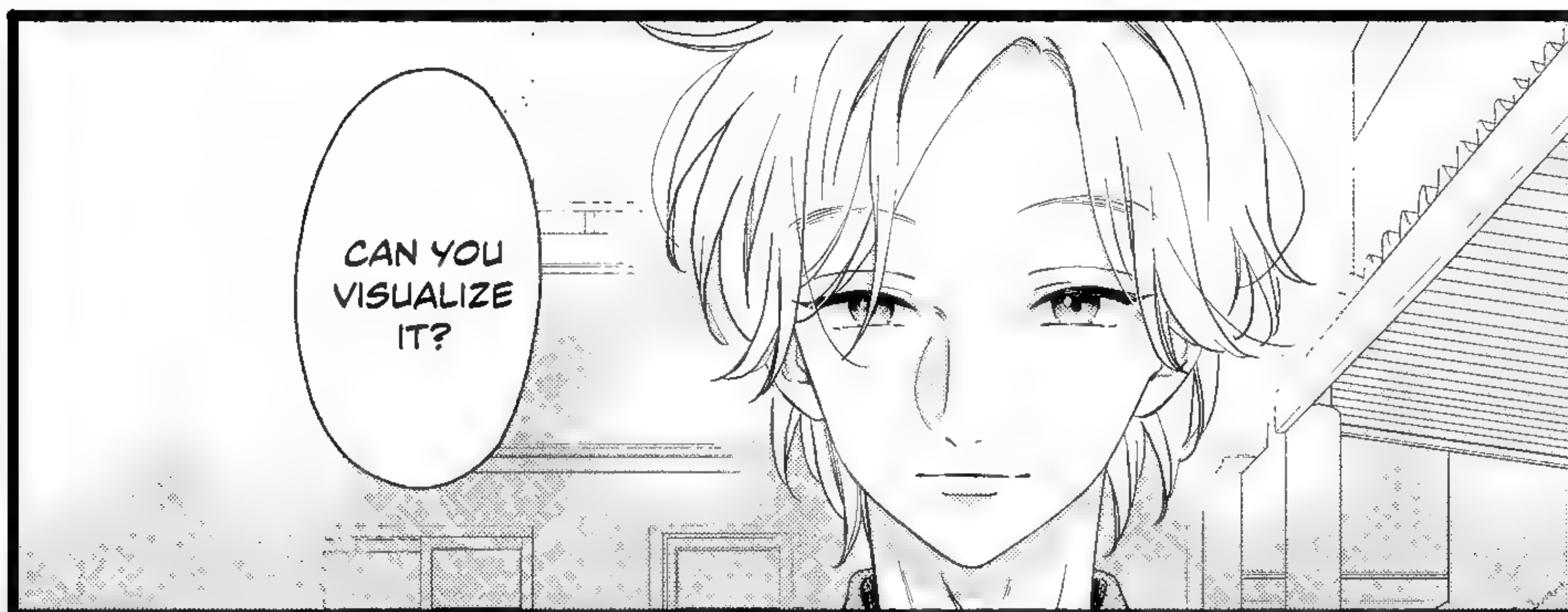














I
DON'T
HAVE
TO.



EVER SINCE
WE MET...

UM...

IT'S
ALREADY
REALITY.

GOOD
MORNING.



...JUST
GETTING
TO SEE
YOU...

GOOD
MORNING.



TERA-MITSU IS SO COOL!

...MAKES ME SO HAPPY THAT I CAN BARELY STAND IT.



WHAT A
GREAT
PERK!!

THAT WAS
AMAZING!

THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!



YOU
SAID YOU
COULDN'T
DO IT, BUT
WHEN YOU
TRIED, YOU
DID!

YOU'RE
AWESOME,
SAHOKO.



HE'S THE
ONLY ONE
IN THE
WORLD
WHO'D SAY
THAT.

REALLY?



THOUGH...

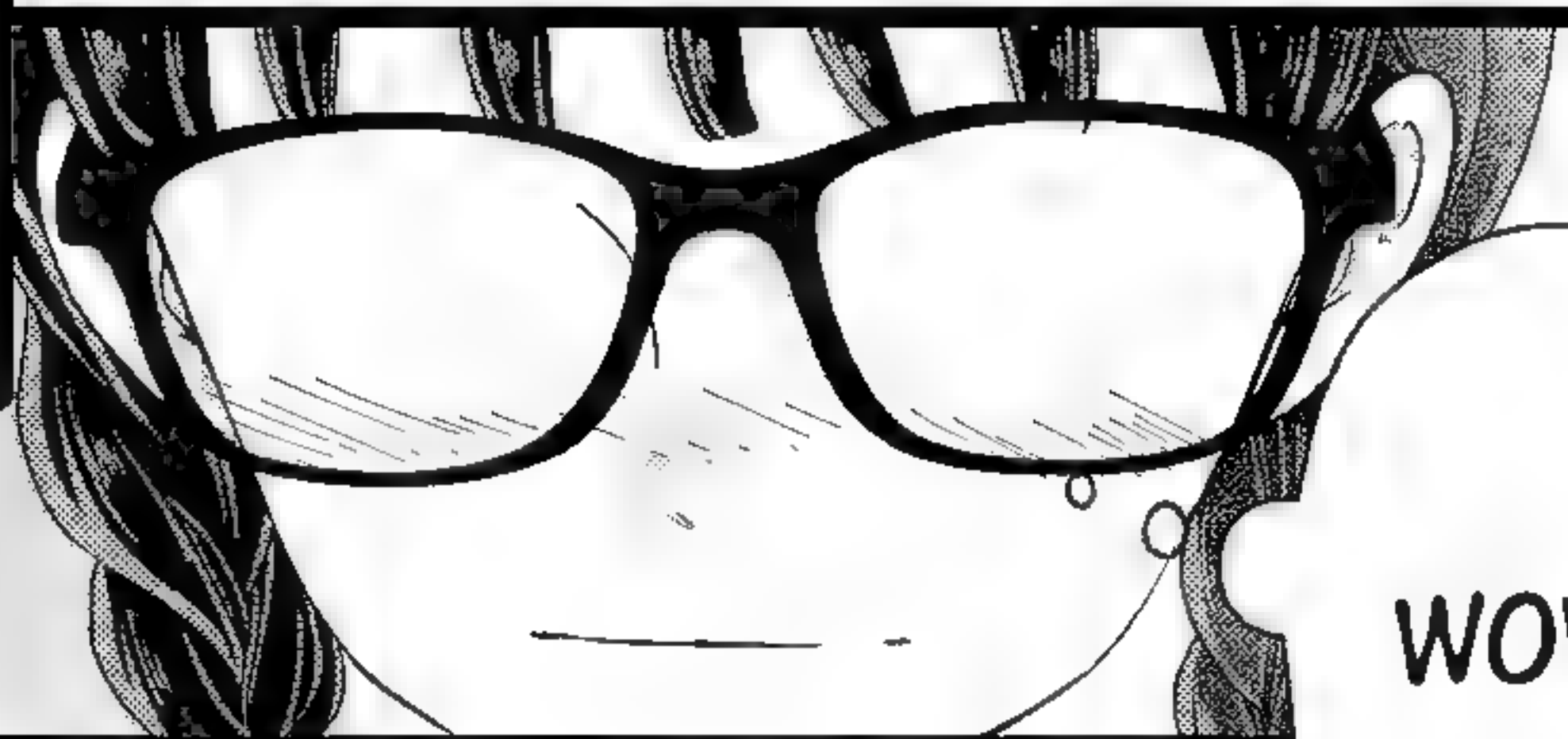
...I KNEW
YOU COULD
DO IT FROM
THE START!



HE SAID I
HAD HIS
ENDORSE-
MENT...

EVER SINCE
WE MET,
HE'S BEEN
SHOWING
ME MY
POTENTIAL.

...AND HE
GAVE ME
COURAGE.



WOW...



I'M
SO IN
LOVE
WITH
YOU.

I
CAN'T
HELP
IT.







THE THOUGHT
OF KOUTA
REJECTING ME
IS TOO MUCH
FOR ME TO
HANDLE!



KOUTA

Sahoko.

I'm out front. Could you please come down?

OH.





I'M
HONORED
TO BE
FRIENDS
WITH YOU
TOO.

THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH.

Um.



...I
COULD
LEAVE
IT AT
THAT.

I
WISH...



I'M
DONE
BEING
SCARED.

I
WON'T
DO IT.

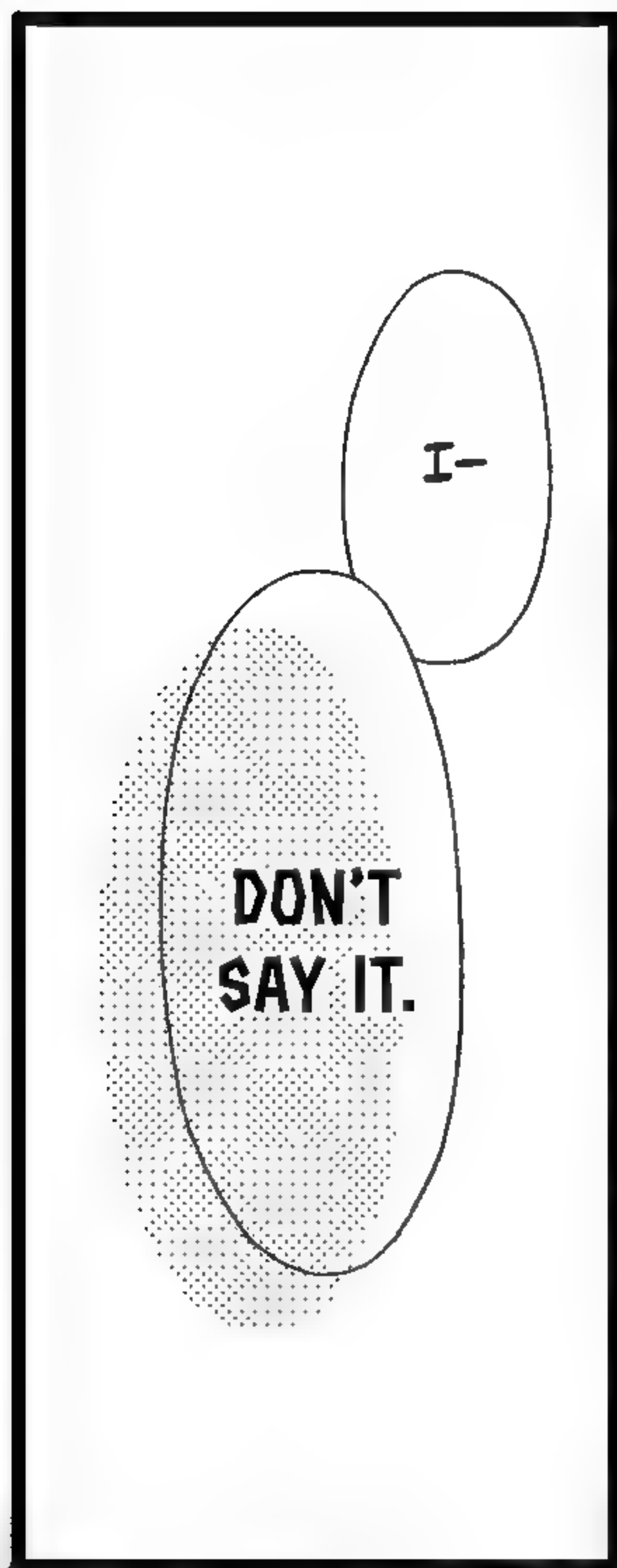
BUT...

"GO
BACK TO
THE WAY
THINGS
WERE!"

"TAKE
WHAT
HE'S
OFFER-
ING!"

A VOICE
IN MY
HEART IS
TELLING
ME TO
TAKE IT.

I KNOW
YOU CAME
ALL THE
WAY HERE
TO BE NICE
AND GIVE
ME AN OUT.



I-

DON'T SAY IT.



BE-
CAUSE...

...

YOU GAVE
ME THE
COURAGE I
NEEDED.



DON'T
WASTE THAT
COURAGE...

...ON
SOMEONE
LIKE ME.



**...LET
ANYONE BE
SPECIAL
TO ME.**

**I'LL
NEVER...**





...WITH
YOU.

I'M IN
LOVE...

I KNOW
I DON'T EVEN
HAVE AN
INFINITESIMAL
CHANCE.

I KNOW IT'S
SOMETHING
YOU DON'T
WANT TO
HEAR.

I'M
SORRY.

...I
THINK
I WANT
TO TRY
ANYWAY.

...AND THIS
COMES AS A
SURPRISE TO
ME TOO...

BUT
RIGHT
NOW...



YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO
TAUGHT ME
THAT.

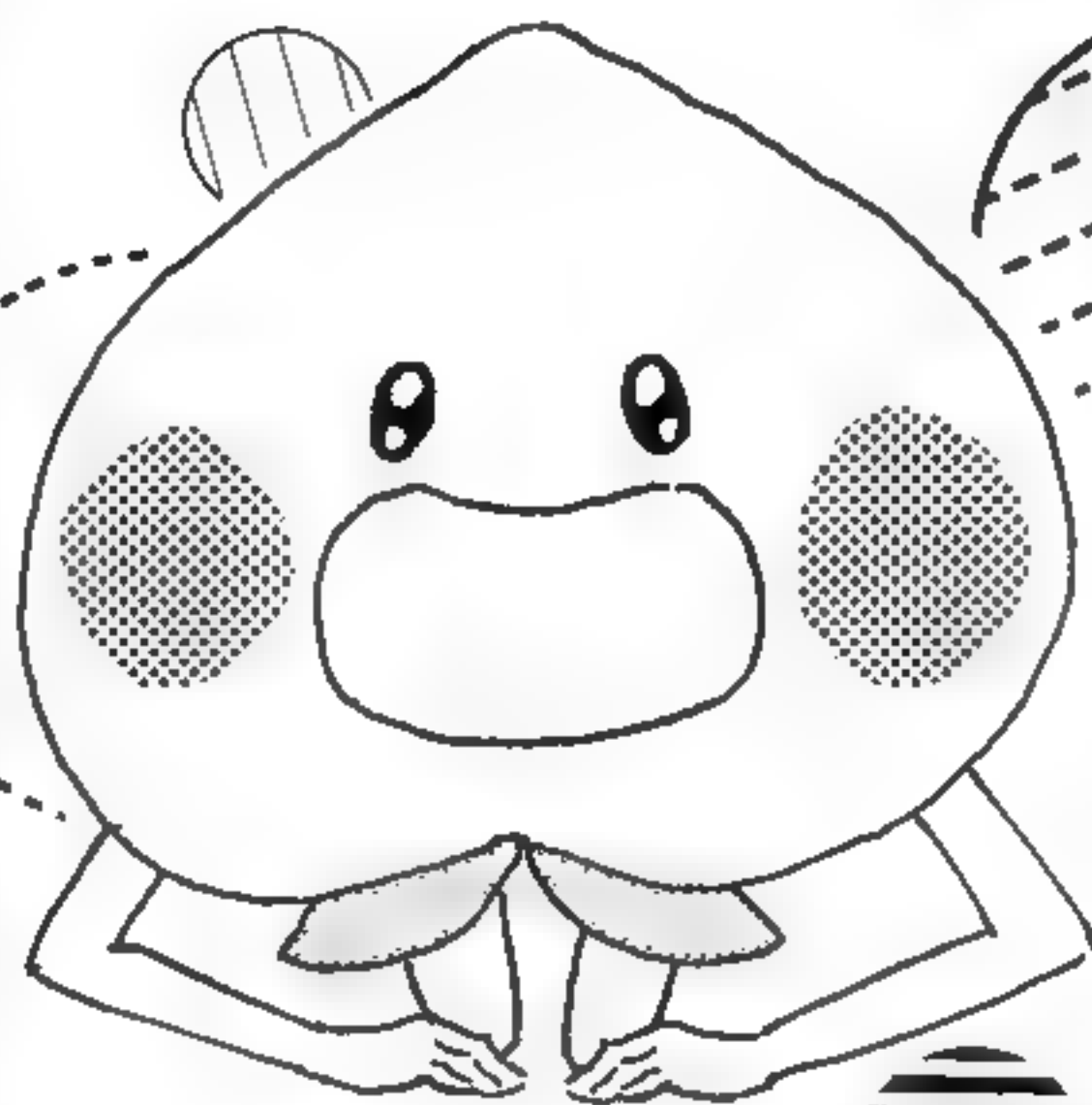
...MAKE
ASSUMPTIONS
THAT LIMIT MY
POTENTIAL.

I DON'T
HAVE TO...

On to the bonus pages!

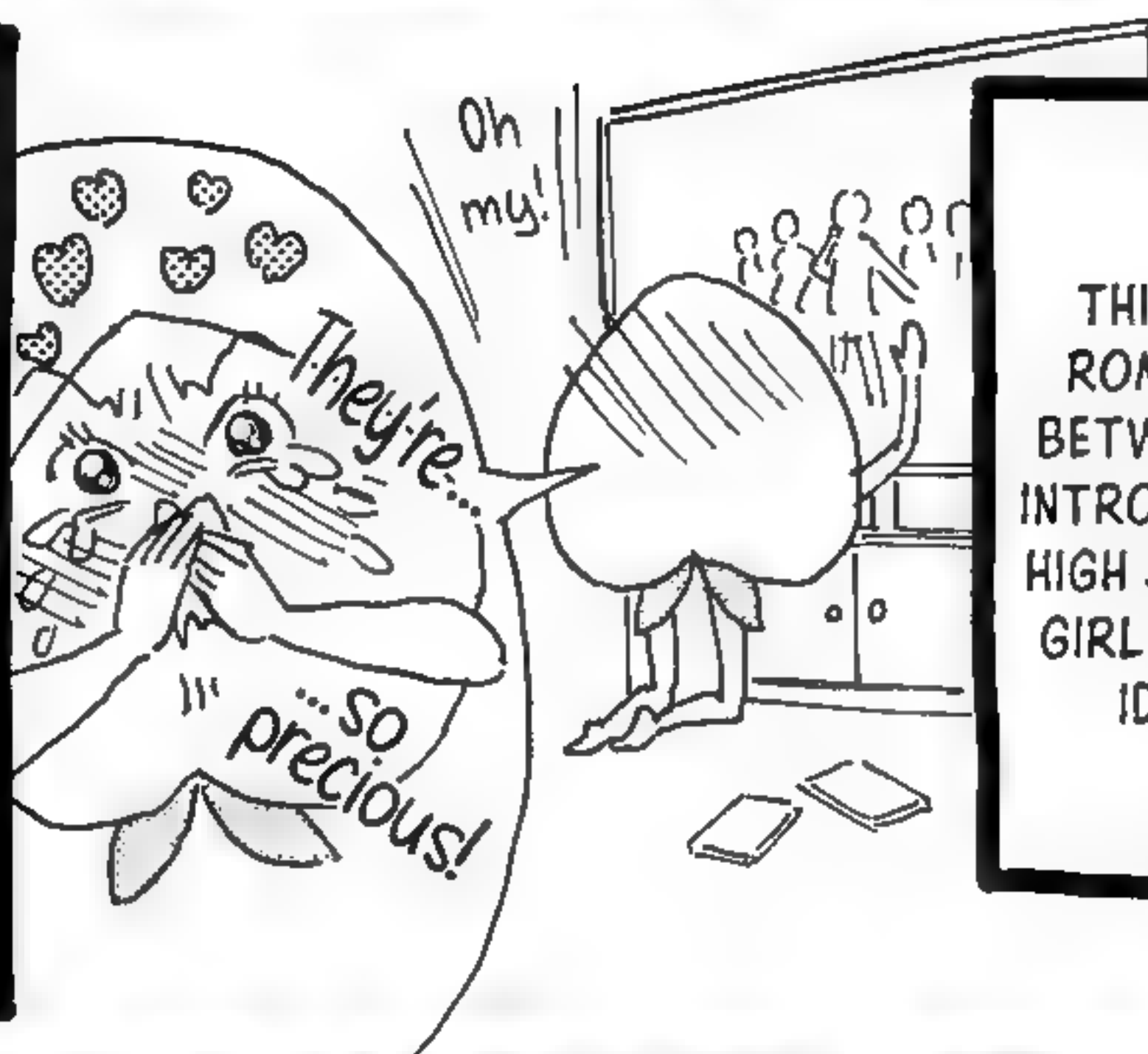


THANK YOU
VERY MUCH FOR
PURCHASING
MY SPECIAL
ONE VOLUME 1!



HELLO!
I'M KODA!

I WASN'T FAMILIAR
WITH THE CURRENT
POPULAR IDOLS, SO
I BOUGHT A FEW
LIVE SHOW DVDS...
THE GROUPS WERE
ALL SO COOL THAT I
WOULD UP JOINING A
FEW FAN CLUBS.



THIS IS A
ROMANCE
BETWEEN AN
INTROVERTED
HIGH SCHOOL
GIRL AND AN
IDOL.

NOW
THEN...

I'M HAVING
SO MUCH
FUN DRAWING
THIS STORY!



OH WELL.
WHEN
ALL IS
SAID AND
DONE...

LIKE
LEGEND'S
NEXT
DOME
CONCERT
IS TOTALLY
SOLD-OUT!

WOULD
YOU ASK
FOR
TICKETS?

I TRIED TO
GET TICKETS
TO THEIR
SHOWS, BUT
THEY WERE
SOLD-OUT.

I COULD
GIVE THIS
SCENE A MORE
REALISTIC
FEEL NOW!

That little
"whoopsie" face
isn't nearly
enough.



AND FOR
THOSE WHO
CAN'T PICK A
FAVORITE,
I HOPE YOU'LL
ENJOY
FOLLOWING
SAHOKO AND
KOUTA'S STORY.



...BUT I HOPE
EVERYONE
WILL BE ABLE TO
FIND A FAVORITE
CHARACTER,
WHETHER THEY'RE
INTO IDOLS
OR NOT.



YES,
KOUTA
IS AN
IDOL...



SPECIAL
THANKS

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I HOPE
YOU'LL LIKE
AND ENJOY
MY SPECIAL
ONE!

- ALL MY ASSISTANTS
- MY EDITOR
- MY DESIGNER

AND ALL MY
READERS! ♥

I LOVE
GETTING
FEEDBACK
AND FAN
MAIL!





Kouta Kirigaya

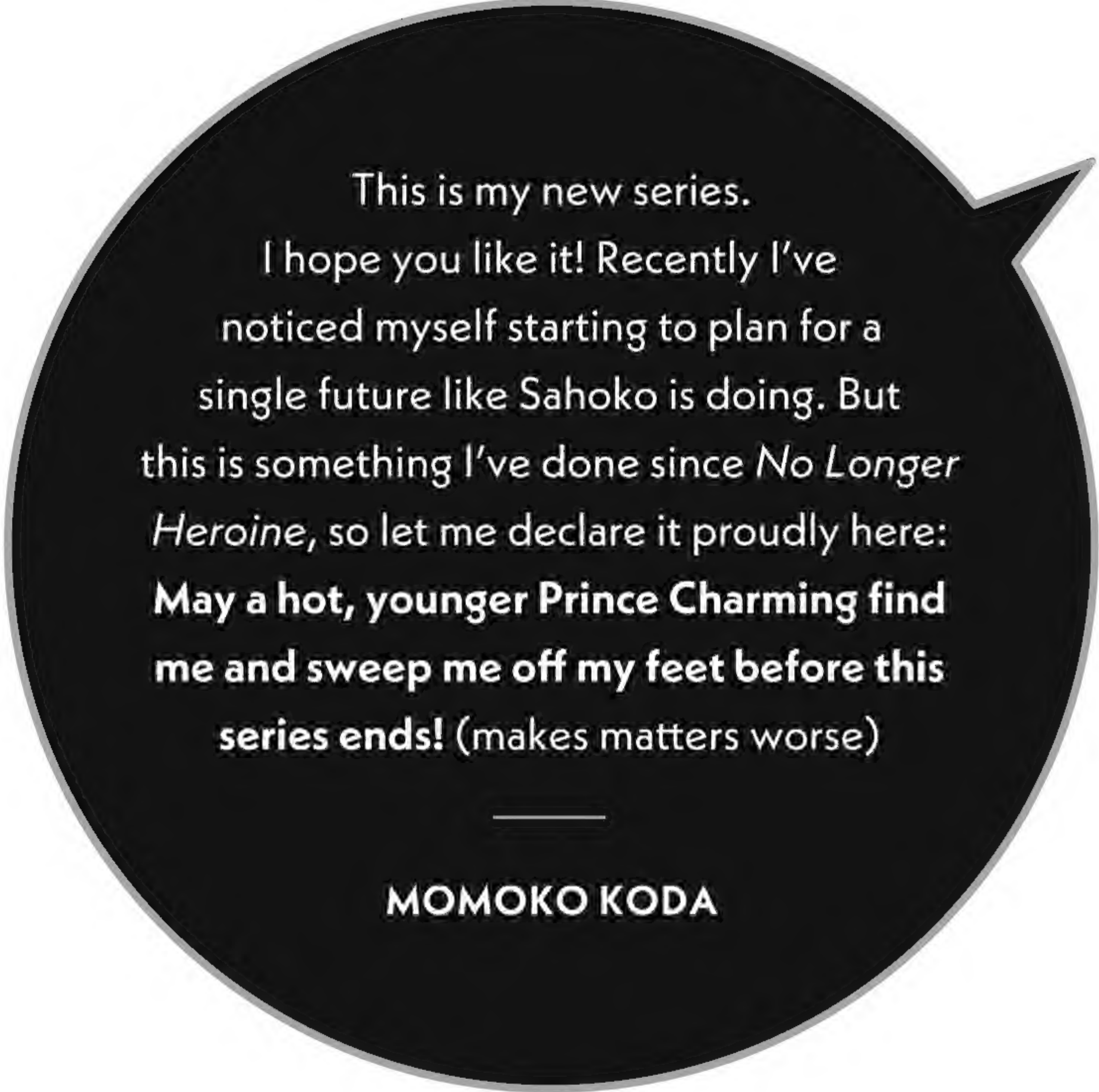
① Hamburgers! Western-style, Japanese-style, with ketchup or other toppings, I love them all! But my favorite is when they're topped with a fried egg.

② Nothing in particular! I'll eat pretty much everything. Well, okay, I'd rather not have to eat a giant tarantula again like I did on that one show...

③ Hmm, good question. Sleeping, I guess? *(laugh)* I enjoy relaxing and doing nothing much.

④ Impressions! The other group members say I'm pretty good at them too. *(laugh)*

⑤ Girls who smile and laugh a lot! Ooh, but then again, getting a smile from a girl who doesn't show one often is a great feeling. I guess I'll say girls with charming smiles!



This is my new series.
I hope you like it! Recently I've
noticed myself starting to plan for a
single future like Sahoko is doing. But
this is something I've done since *No Longer
Heroine*, so let me declare it proudly here:
**May a hot, younger Prince Charming find
me and sweep me off my feet before this
series ends!** (makes matters worse)

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